WEEK OF 1-24-08

EAST CENTRAL CC SIGNS PAIR: **Alan Coats**, a second baseman from Newton County Academy, and **Chris Comans**, a pitcher from Newton High School, have signed national letters of intent with East Central Community College.

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WEEK OF 2-7-00

ECCC Diamond Warrior Scholars

These members of the East Central Community College baseball team were recently recognized for being named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll, which includes students who achieve a 3.0 or above grade point average on at least 12 hours of coursework. Pictured are (seated, from left) Chris Weems, Newton; Lee Martin, Lake; Josh Hardy and Judson Nowell, both of Philadelphia; Amos Thames, Newton; Clay Byars, Philadelphia; and Hal Thompson, West Point; (second row, from left) Turk Stovall, Neshoba Central; Kent Chamblee, Leake Academy; Justin Reed, Louisville; Chuck Welch, Morton; Brent Page and Justin Webb, both of Neshoba Central; and Jim Bob Stampley of Newton County Academy; and (back row, from left) Brad Farley, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Patrick Ferris, Clinton; Allen Buckley, Brandon; Brandon Fish, Demopolis, Ala.; Nick Woods, West Jones; and Dan Munn, Newton County Academy. Weems received special recognition for maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The Diamond Warriors are led by Jamie Clark, head coach, and Neal Holliman, assistant coach.(EC photo)

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

Culpepper inks with East Central

Lake High School senior Kiley Culpepper has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Culpepper has been a standout pitcher, throwing 113 strikeouts in 62 innings pitched. He averaged better than .300 at the plate, hitting nine home runs.Culpepper also had fielding duties for the Diamond Hornets. He was joined at the signing ceremony by his parents Violet(seated left) and Ronnie Culpepper(seated right) and standing(from left) ECCC Baseball Coach Jamie Clark, Lake High School Principal Randy Martin, and Lake Baseball Coach Wyatt Tullos.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

East Central Diamond Warriors set to begin season

With the return of 15 players from last year's championship squad, expectations are high for another successful baseball campaign at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The Diamond Warrior, led by veteran head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Hollman, begin the 2000 campaign by traveling to Faulkner State in Bay Minette, Ala., on Saturday February 19, for a 1 p.m. double-header.

East Holmes continues its road trip by challenging Bishop State in Mobile, Ala., in a 1 p.m. double-header on Sunday, February 20, and Holmes Community College in a single game scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 22. A double header with Bevill State at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February begins home action on the Chris Gay IV memorial Field.

Coach Clark is now in his 13th season at East Central, where he has an overall record of 328 wins and 243 losses. The Diamond Warriors have advanced to the region 23 Tournament four consecutive seasons and participated in three consecutive state tournaments. East central won the state title in 1998, and last year the Diamond Warriors shared division honors with Gulf Coast by posting a 17-7 mark. EC finished third in the state tournament and were runners-up for the Region 23 championship.

Clark said this year's team has all the weapons needed to compete for another championship.

"We feel good about the progress the team has made at this point. We had a great fall practice and feel the players learned a lot. We also had a successful off-season weight program, and got in a lot of work outside thanks to the mostly good weather we had in January and February," said Clark.

Clark noted that this year's team is blessed with a lot of strengths, just like many previous squads.

"Obviously, having 15 sophomores is a major plus. Were fortunate to have a lot of guys that played last year, and they know what it takes to be successful," he stated.

Clark commented that another strength is the Diamond Warrior pitching staff, led by sophomore Allen Buckley of Brandon. Buckley, a 6'6", 215-pound product of Brandon High School, was drafted in the 35th round by the new York Yankees and has signed with Mississippi State University. Another top hurler is sophomore Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who will also play in the outfield. McDonald, who will continue his career at the University of north Alabama, is considered "One of the best athletes" on the Diamond Warrior squad over the last few years.

Clark said the number-three starter will probably be Brandon fish, a 6'6" , 180-pound southpaw from Demopolis, Ala. "Brandon missed most of the fall due to a bad ankle but has had a really good February. He has thrown very well in intrasquad games," Clark said. Also being used in the starting rotation will be freshman Monte Migliacio, a 6'3", 195-pound right-hander from Plaquemine, La., and sophomore Amos Thames, a 6', 179-pound right-hander from Newton. Freshman Jud Nowell, a 6', 161-pound right-hander from Philadelphia, will be the closer.

Clark is also counting on freshman hurlers David Ryan (6'5", 189) of Tuscaloosa and Clay Byars (6', 171) of Philadelphia, who have sustained arm injuries and probably won't be in the lineup until spring break. "We will really need these guys down the stretch and look forward to their return to the mound," Clark said.

Other starters include sophomore Justin Webb (6'2", 205) of Philadelphia, at first base; sophomore Judd Sanborn (5'8", 164) of Noxapater, second base; and sophomore Brent Page (5'10", 147) of Philadelphia, short stop. Clark said Webb, who hit .330 last year, "is a seasoned ball player and we expect him to have a big year." Sanborn, who batted .350 last season, is described by Clark as "a natural leader." "Judd is also quick, athletic and should provide great play at second." Clark regards Page as "one of the best-if not the best-short stop in the league."

Clark said freshman Turk Stovall (5'10", 157) of Philadelphia and Monte Migliacio will share duties at third base. Chuck Welch (5'8", 195) of Morton is expected to back-up Page at short stop. Clark said Spence Latimer (5'9", 172) of Philadelphia will be the backup at second base.

Clark said his outfield "should be among the best in the juco league." Sophomore left fielder Patrick Ferris(6'1", 203) of Clinton, who hit seven home runs last year, is "big, strong, fast, throws well, and will be highly recruited." Ferris will bat in the middle of the lineup. Sophomore centerfielder Lee Martin (5'11", 172) of lake, who played only a third of the season last year due to an injury, returns to his centerfield position. Clark said that Martin, a switch-hitter with "good speed," will also provide much-needed defense in the outfield. Right field will be manned by McDonald, when he is not on the mound, or by Toby Pinson (5'11", 201) of Little Rock.

Starting at catcher will be sophomore Brad Farley (6',180) of Tuscaloosa or freshman Kris Moore (5'10", 187) of Taylorsville. Sophomore Josh Hardy (5'10", 170), who has been hampered by injuries, will also play a key role at catcher or outfielder when he completes rehabilitation and is able to return to the lineup. hardy started in left field last season.

Although Clark has been pleased with the recent success of his Diamond Warrior squads over the last few years, he stated it is time "to take the next step."

"We've won a state championship, we've come in second in Region 23, and it is time to see how far we can really go. but we must first make the playoffs, and our players are obviously aware of what we have to do to reach the next level. We feel good right now, and are ready to get the season underway," Clark said.

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

ECCC Warriors defeat Gulf Coast in opening round

The "second season" begins this week for the state's community and junior college basketball season as division tournaments tip-off at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville (North division) and on the Utica campus of Hinds Community College (South Division).

Tournament competition begin today February 14 for the East Central Community College men who take on Gulf Coast at 8 p.m. The winner will challenge the Pearl River/Southwest victor at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 16. Finals are set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 17.

The top-seeded Lady Warriors received a bye in first-round action, and will meet the Southwest/Jones winner a 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16. Finals are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, February 17.

Both EC squads closed out regular season action by hosting Hinds Community College on Monday February 7.

The Lady Warriors, led by Tonya Moncrief of Newton who blistered the backboards for 30 points, cruised to an 85-67 win and improved to 17-7 overall and 9-3 in division play.

Other point makers were Nicole Cox of Lake and Margo Porter of Louisville, 11 each; Tesha Crockett of Philadelphia, 10; Becky Killen of Sebastopol, seven; Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, six; Leah Fulcher of Winston Academy, five; Alberta Norman of Newton, four; and Stephanie Harber of Forest, one.

EC led 36-22 at halftime.

In the men's contest, East Central fell 80-75 and dropped to 9-15 and 2-10.

Warrior scorers were Shawn Moss of Alleghany, Virginia, 23; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, 18; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas, nine; Lamond Bowie of Morton and Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, eight each; Chad Clemons of Philadelphia, five; and Mile Batalo of Belgrade, Yogoslavia, three.

Hinds led 42-31 at the break.

Monday night the Warriors defeated Gulf Coast 87-68 in the opening round of the South District Tournament at Hinds Community College in Utica.

Moss scored 30 points to lead

Two from Scott are Diamond Warriors

Charlie Welch of Morton and Lee Martin of Lake are members of the Warrior baseball team at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman. They begin season action Saturday, February19, against Faulkner State in Bay Minette, Alabama. Welch and Martin are just two of 15 returning players to the East Central Diamond Warrior squad.(EC Photo)

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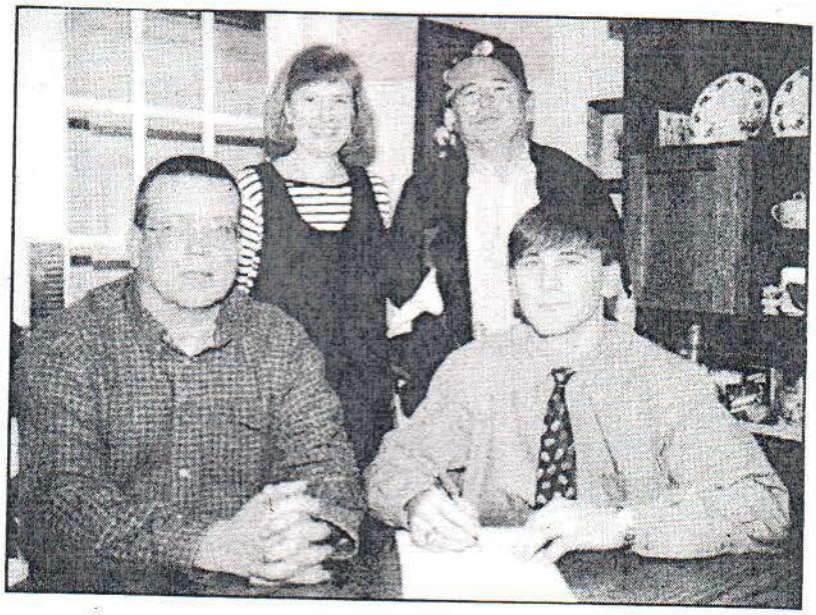
WEEK OF 2-14-00

CC BASEBALL TEAM MEMBERS - Members of the East Cen- Community College baseball team from Newton County in- de (from left) Jim Bob Stampley of Hickory, Amos Thames and is Weems, both of Newton; and Daniel Munn and Toby Pinson, h of Little Rock. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach ie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman. They begin season ac- Saturday, February 19, against Faulkner State in Bay nette, Alabama. (EC Photo)



CHANEY JOINS DIAMOND WARRIORS - Newton County High School standout baseball player Josh Chaney has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Chaney, a 5'9, 170 pound infielder, is shown during the signing ceremony with his parents, Brenda and Ricky Chaney (standing) of Little Rock, and Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark. Chaney will also play football at East Central. (EC photo)

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

ECCC Briefs

The East Central Community College football Warriors will scrimmage Coahoma Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge.

The Warriors went 8-3 in 1999, losing to Northwest in the first round of the state playoffs.

• **Henley inks with Kentucky State:** EC running back Steve Henley has signed a national letter of intent with Kentucky State University.

As a sophomore, the Louisville grad rushed 143 times for 1,073 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

He was named to the All-Region 23 and All-State teams and played in the annual All-Star Classic.

• **Culpepper signs with EC:** Lake pitcher KileyCulpepper (6-0, 180) has signed with EC for the 2001 baseball season.

He was 7-2 with a 1.27 ERA and 113 strikeouts in 62 innings in 1999.

Newton County High School pitcher Corey Amis has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College. Amis posted a 9-2 record last year as the Cougars were the Class 3A state runner-up with a 24-12 record. Amis, seated, is shown (from left) with his parents Allen and Kim Amis of Decatur and East Central head baseball coach Jamie Clark. Amis will also play football at EC.

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Week of 2/21/02

ECCC baseball edges Holmes in 13 innings

It took four extra innings, but it was worth it for East Central Community College's baseball team as it outslugged Holmes Community College 18-15, in 13 innings.

Judson Nowell was the winning pitcher in relief for the Warriors. Brandon Fish started for ECCC on the mound.

At the plate for the Warriors, Toby Pinson had three singles and a grand-slam home run. Judd Sanborn had a pair of home runs, while Josh Hardy, Justin Webb and Lee Martin each collected a pair of singles.

ECCC (1-4) returns to action today at 1 p.m. in a doubleheader at home against Bevill State of Fayette, Ala.

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East Central splits with Bevill State

By **Austin Bishop**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — When Justin Webb walked up to the plate in the bottom of the last inning with the game tied, he had one thing on his mind.

"I was trying to end it with one swing," the East Central Community College first baseman said. "I was just taking my hacks."

He hacked a hanging curveball over the left field fence for a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to hand East Central a 4-3 win over visiting Bevill (Ala.) State in the first game of a doubleheader.

Bevill bounced back to use two four-run innings and six errors by the Warriors to win the second game 8-4.

Bevill had used an East Central error to tie the game at 3-3 in the top of the first and Bears' starter Ryan Roberts set down the first two Warriors he faced in the bottom of the seventh.

He started off Webb with a fastball at the knees for a called strike, then made his mistake.

"You could see it coming," ECCC head coach Jamie Clark said of the curveball "We teach our guys to always look fastball, but I knew it and he knew it. It was just like we knew he was going to throw a curveball and he threw it right there."

Webb said his eyes lit up when he saw the pitch headed to the plate.

"I had just let the best fastball I had seen all day get by me," said Webb, who now has two homers on the year. "I was looking for a curveball (on the second pitch) and I was hoping he would hang it and he hung it."

Bevill, now 2-4, took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second thanks to a solo homer by Josh Harrah and a pair of East Central errors. Only one of the three runs that ECCC starter Jayeson McDonald gave up in the game was an earned one.

East Central
4-4
Bevill State
3-8

The Warriors made five errors behind him, as McDonald just gave up four hits. After Bevill had tied the game at 3-3, the Bears had runners on first and second with two outs, but ECCC reliever Jud Nowell came in to strike out the next two hitters to end the threat.

Webb's homer in the bottom of the inning made Nowell (2-0) the winning pitcher for the second time in less than 24 hours. He pitched the last three innings of East Central's 18-15, 13-inning win over Holmes on Tuesday.

"That was the best game that he has pitched since he has been here," Clark said of McDonald, who has already signed with the University of North Alabama. "He had good stuff and he battled through some errors. We made some silly errors early in the game, but a sign of maturity is that you battle through those things.

"The difference between a good pitcher and an average pitcher is that when things start spinning out of control the really good guys can regain control of things, and he did that today," Clark said.

McDonald said he didn't let the defensive miscues get him down.

"Throughout the whole game my defense was kind of up and down," the sophomore left-hander from Tuscaloosa, Ala. said. "I just kept hanging with them, that's all you can do in that situation.

"Baseball is just a fickle sport, that's the way it is going to be sometimes," he said. "I have just got to take the good

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with the bad."

After Bevill had taken a 2-0 lead in the opener, East Central struck back to tie it in the bottom of the second on a two-run homer by Brent Page. McDonald, who was also the designated hitter in the game, put ECCC up 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth when he single, reached second on a wild pitch and scored when the Bevill third basemen threw the ball away as Patrick Ferriss was reaching on an infield single.

Page had a double to go with his homer for ECCC, while Webb also singled for his second hit and McDonald had a double to go with his single. The Warriors had eight hits in the opener in all.

Bevill scored four runs in the top of the seventh inning in the nightcap to take an 8-2 lead and the held off a Warrior rally, as Bear reliever Justin Pate ended the game by striking out an East Central pinch hitter with the bases loaded.

Mario Migliacio put ECCC up 1-0 in the second when he singled in Ferris, who had doubled. That became 2-0 in the third when Hal Thompson walked, stole second and scored when Bevill made two errors on the same play.

The Bears then scored four unearned runs in the fourth to go up 4-2. The big blow for Bevill was a two-run triple by Adrian Brown.

Bevill used three singles and two ECCC errors to score the four runs in the top of the seventh which eventually won the game.

After the first two ECCC hitters were retired in the bottom of the seventh, the Warriors began a rally that included doubles by Judd Sanborn and Justin Reed.

East Central had just five hits in the second game, with no Warrior getting more than one.

Next up for the 2-5 Warriors is a doubleheader against Central Alabama at home on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. Central and ECCC square off in a single game at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

Diamond Warriors fall in series, split with Bevill

A bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning by Brent Page drove in the winning run for East Central's Diamond Warriors, who rallied for a 7-6 win over visting Central Alabama in the first game of a Saturday double-header.

Judson Nowell collected his third win on the mound.

Toby Pinson and Patrick Ferris added two hits each.

The Diamond Warriors fell 11-5 in the nightcap in a rain-shortened six inning contest.

Brandon Fish (0-2) took the loss, while Amos Thames relieved. Jayeson McDonald knocked a double and a single to lead EC at the plate.

Central Alabama edged East Central Sunday afternoon, 4-3, to take the three-game series two-to-one.

McDonald took the loss for EC, which dropped to 3-7 overall.

Mario Migliacio started and registered seven strong innings. McDonald led the Diamond Warriors at the plate with a triple and a single, while Ferris added a pair of doubles.

At home Feb. 23, Justin Webb solo homered with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to hand EC a 4-3 win over visiting Bevill State in the first game of a double-header.

Nowell gained the win after relieving McDonald in the seventh.

Bevill claimed the nightcap 8-4. McDonald and Pinson had two hits each, while Migliacio started and took the loss.

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WEEK OF 3-28-00

EC finds win column

After an 0-4 start to the 2000 season, the East Central Community College Warriors found the win column when they returned to Decatur for last week's baseball action.

• **EC 18, Holmes 15:** Toby Pinson had a grand slam and three singles to lead EC to the Feb. 22 win at Decatur.

Judd Sanborn had a pair of homers for the Warriors while Josh Hardy, Justin Webb, and Lee Martin each had a pair of singles. Spence Latimer had a two-run double.

Judson Nowell (1-0) got the win in relief. EC improved to 1-4.

• **EC 4-4, Bevill State 3-8:** Justin Webb's two-out solo homer in the bottom of the seventh gave the Warriors the win in Wednesday's opener at Decatur.

The Fayette, Ala., Bears scored four times in the fourth and seventh frames of the nightcap to salvage a split.

• **EC 7, Central Alabama 6:** The Warriors opened a three-game series with the Trojans by rallying for a 7-6 win Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

Trailing 6-4 going into the bottom of the seventh, EC got a double from Jayeson McDonald and a single from Judd Sanborn to start the comeback. Josh Hardy was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Patrick Ferriss singled in a pair of runs to tie the game. After a walk to Spence Latimer, Brent Page's two-out single drove in the winning run.

Judson Nowell (3-0) got the win in relief for EC, 3-5.

McDonald had a double and a triple while Ferriss had a triple to go with his single. Sanborn had a pair of singles.

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Neshoba County Diamond Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College baseball team from Neshoba County are, from left, Justin Stovall, Josh Hardy, Justin Webb, Judson Nowell, Brent Page, and Spence Latimer.

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

WARRIOR PITCHERS - Pitchers for the Warrior baseball team at ECCC in Decatur include (front row, from left) Jim Bob Stampley of Hickory, Derian Dotson of Louisville, Judson Nowell of Philadelphia, Amos Thames of Newton and Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and (back row, from left) Monte Migliacio of Plaquemine, La; David Ryan of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Allen Buckley of Brandon, Brandon Fish of Demopolis, Ala.; and Mario Migliacio of Plaquemine, La. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman.

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

ECCC baseball team announced

Members of the 2000 East Central Community College baseball team and their respective hometowns include Kris Moore, Taylorsville; Lee Martin, Lake; Charlie Welch, Morton; Judd Sanborn, Noxapater; Spence Latimer, Philadelphia; and Jim Bob Stampley, Hickory; Josh Hardy, Brent Page and Justin Stovall, all of Philadelphia; Justin Reed, Louisville; Hal Thompson, West Point; and Brad Farley and Jayeson McDonald, both of Tuscaloosa, AL; Patrick Ferris., Clinton; Toby Pinson, Little Rock; Nick Wooten, Soso; Chris Weems, Newton; Derian Dotson, Louisville; Judson Nowell, Philadelphia and Amos Thames, Newton; and Marion Migliacio and Monte Migliacio, both of Plaquemine, LA; Brandon Fish, Demopolis, AL; Daniel Munn, Little Rock; Justin Webb, Philadelphia; David Ryan, Tuscaloosa, AL; and Allen Buckley, Brandon.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman. They begin season action Satuday, February 19, against Faulkner State inf Bay Minette, AL.

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

Heavy hitting Diamond Warriors

These members of the East Central Community College baseball team are expected to provide plenty of offensive power during the 200o season. Top sluggers include(first row, from left) Josh Hardy, Philadelphia, Brad Fairly of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Judd Sanborn of Noxapater, Lee Martin of Lake, Justin Stovall of Philadelphia and Brent Page of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Kris Moore of Taylorsville, Patrick Ferriss of Clinton, Monte Migliacio of Plaquemine, La.; Justin Webb of Philadelphia, Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Toby Pinson of Little Rock and Chris Weems of Newton. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman (EC Photo)

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Week of 3/6/00

Judson Nowell is 3-0 on the mound for the East Central Community College Warriors, 6-9. Included in last week's action was a 13-10 win over Lincoln Trail and a 6-2 loss to Delgado on Wednesday, a 6-5 win over Delgado on Thursday, and a weekend split at Northwest. EC lost Saturday's opener to the Rangers 4-2 before bouncing back to take the nightcap 2-0 as Monty Migliacio tossed a no-hitter. The win over Delgado was EC's first in seven meetings with the Dolphins since their first meeting in 1996.

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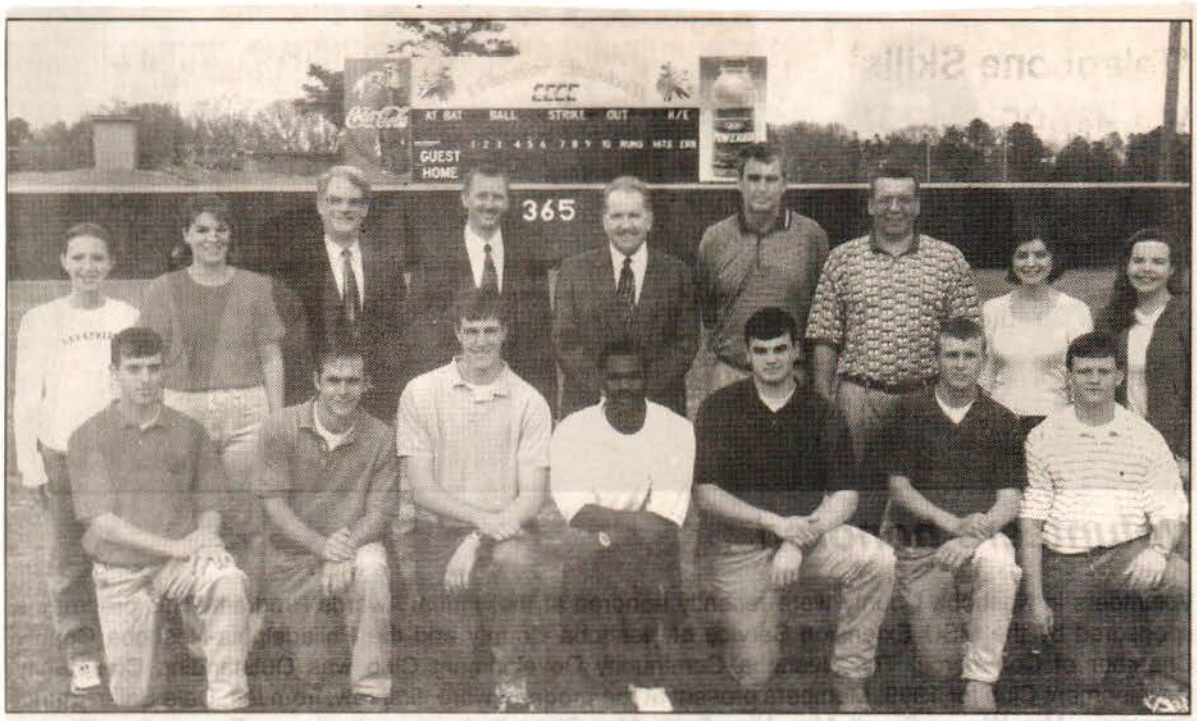

New ECCC baseball scoreboard

A new baseball scoreboard helped usher in the 2000 campaign for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors, thanks to a generous donation by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Shown in front of the recent addition to Chris Gay IV Memorial Field are (kneeling from left) baseball team members Brent Page of Philadelphia, Judd Sanborn of Noxapater, David Ryan of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Derian Dotson of Louisville, and Justin Webb, Turk Stovall and Spence Latimer, all of Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Diamond Girls Melissa Till of Pelahatchie and Huellen Nutt of Morton; Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction; Jim Albritton, area manager for the Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; Sammy Pace, athletic director/women's basketball head coach; Jamie Clark, head baseball coach; and Diamond Girls Ashley McDill of Decatur and Mandy Chaney of Philadelphia.

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Infeilders for the Warrior baseball team at East Central Community College in Decatur include (front row, from left) Spence Latimer and Justin Stovall, both of Philadelphia; Charlie Welch of Morton, Judd Sanborn of Noxapater and Brent Page of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Monte Migliacio of Plaquemine, La.; Chris Weems of Newton, Justin Webb of Philadelphia and Mario Migliacio of Plaquemine, La. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman. They began season action Saturday, February 19, against Faulkner State in Bay Minette, Ala. (EC Photo)

ECCC OUTFIELDERS - Outfielders for the Warrior baseball team at East Central Community College in Decatur include (front row, from left) Patrick Ferriss of Clinton, Toby Pinson of Little Rock, Nick Wooten of Soso, Derian Dotson of Louisville and Daniel Munn of Little Rock; and (back row, from left) Justin Reed of Louisville, Josh Hardy of Philadelphia, Lee Martin of Lake, Hal Thompson of West Point and Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and Assistant Neal Holliman. They began season action Saturday, February 19, against Faulkner State in Bay Minette, Ala. (EC Photo)

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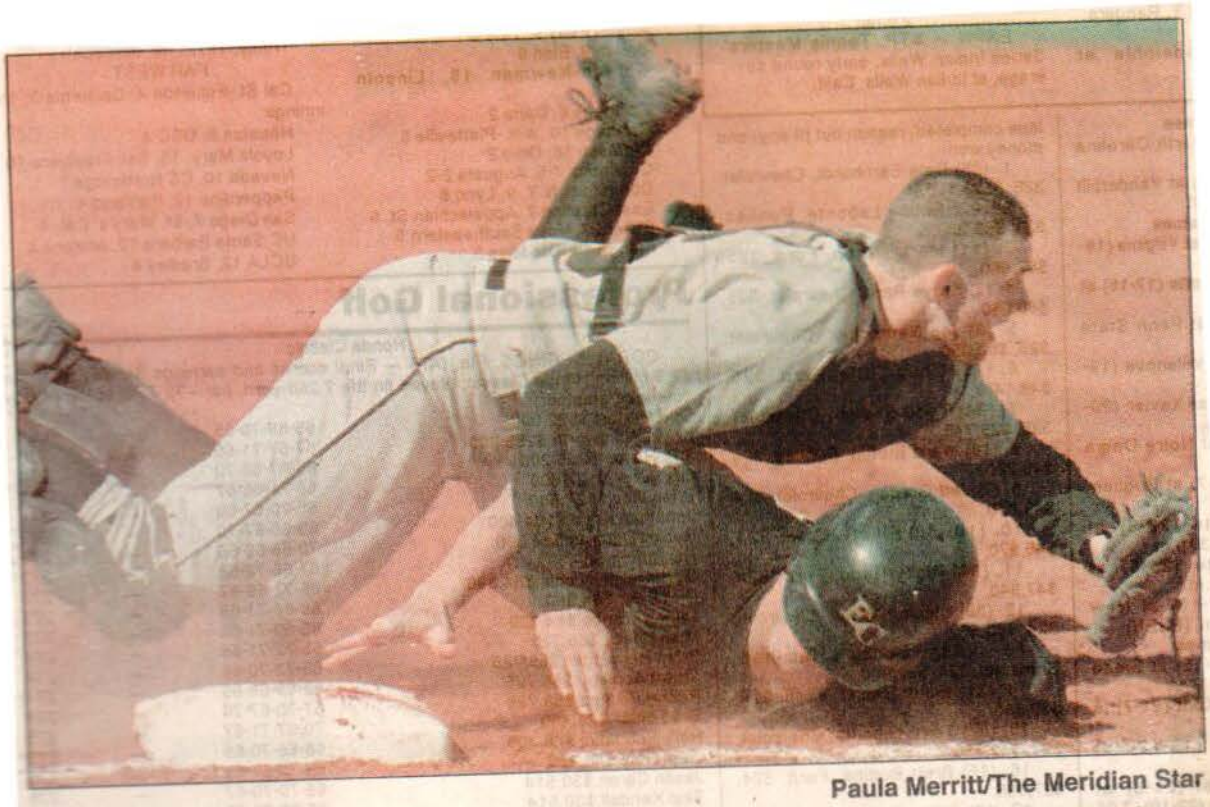

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HARD-HITTING CONTEST — ECCC's Toby Pinson, bottom, is out at first base after a single to right field. Pinson took a wide turn around first without knowing Three Rivers' catcher Jason Gwin was trailing behind him. The throw from the outfield came to Gwin at first and Pinsion was tagged out. ECCC rallied in the ninth inning, however, to win 5-4.

ECCC rallies for victory

By **Robby Atkinson**
The Meridian Star

The East Central Community College Diamond Warriors came from behind in the final inning of play Sunday afternoon to take a 5-4 decision over Three Rivers Community College in junior college baseball action.

"We had great hitting at the end of the game that made the difference," said ECCC head coach Jamie Clark. "We also got great pitching."

Three Rivers provided the first offense of the contest in the third inning.

Aaron Burton smashed a single and later scored on an RBI-double from Justin Threlkeld to give Three Rivers a 1-0 advantage.

The Diamond Warriors mounted some offense in the fifth inning, as Josh Hardy collected a single and later scored on an RBI-single from Spence Latimer to tie the game 1-1.

fice fly by Josh Lashley to give Three Rivers a 2-1 lead.

Neither team provided any offense until the final inning of the game. Three Rivers extended the lead to 4-1 in the ninth. Lashley got on base thanks to a fielder's choice and later scored on a double by Steven Matthews.

ECCC 5
Three Rivers 4

Three Rivers continued the offense with another double and RBI from Aaron Burton. The Diamond Warriors went into the bottom of the ninth with a big hill to climb.

East Central answered the call, however, with three straight singles to load the bases.

Jayeson McDonald scored for East Central to cut the Three Rivers lead to 4-2. Brent Page then scored on a wild pitch from Three Rivers starter Matt Palmer to trim the lead to 4-3.

East Central finished its climb to victory on a single from Spence Latiner that scored two runs and give East

For Three Rivers, Burton had a double and a single, while Steven Matthews added a double.

East Central received a productive outing from starter Brandon Fish.

Fish threw 5 2/3 innings, giving up only three hits and walking only one. He also struck out five for the Diamond Warriors.

"He (Fish) has been having some shoulder problems, but he really impressed us (Sunday)," said Clark.

"I felt really good today," said Fish. "Our guys out of the bullpen pitched really good and I was glad that we won the game.

ECCC received relief help from Brad Farley. He pitched three innings, and gave up three hits in relief for the Diamond Warriors and also added a strikeout in the process.

Jud Nowell (4-0) picked up the win in relief for East Central. Matt Palmer dropped to 2-1 with the loss.

Overall, East Central improved to 6-12 on the year and Three Rivers fell to 4-5 on

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ECCC BASEBALL TEAM - Members of the 2000 East Central Community College baseball team and their respective hometowns include (first row from left) Kris Moore, Taylorsville; Lee Martin, Lake; Charlie Welch, Morton; Judd Sanborn, Noxapater; Spence Latimer, Philadelphia; and Jim Bob Stampley, Hickory; (second row, from left) Josh Hardy, Brent Page and Justin Stovall, all of Philadelphia; Justin Reed, Louisville; Hal Thompson, West Point; and Brad Farley and Jayeson McDonald, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; (third row, from left) Patrick Ferriss, Clinton; Toby Pinson, Little Rock; Nick Wooten, Soso; Chris Weems, Newton; Derian Dotson, Louisville; Judson Nowell, Philadelphia and Amos Thames, Newton; and (back row, from left) Mario Migliacio and Monte Migliacio, both of Plaquemine, La.; Brandon Fish, Demopolis, Ala.; Daniel Munn, Little Rock; Justin Webb, Philadelphia; David Ryan, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Allen Buckley, Brandon. The Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistant Neal Holliman.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

Hit it here

East Central Community College second baseman Brent Page waits for the batter to make contact during a recent game in Decatur. The Warriors lost both games of a doubleheader to Northwest on Friday, 5-3 and 11-4, before rallying for four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to edge Three Rivers (Mo.) 5-4 on Sunday. The Warriors were 6-11 entering this week.

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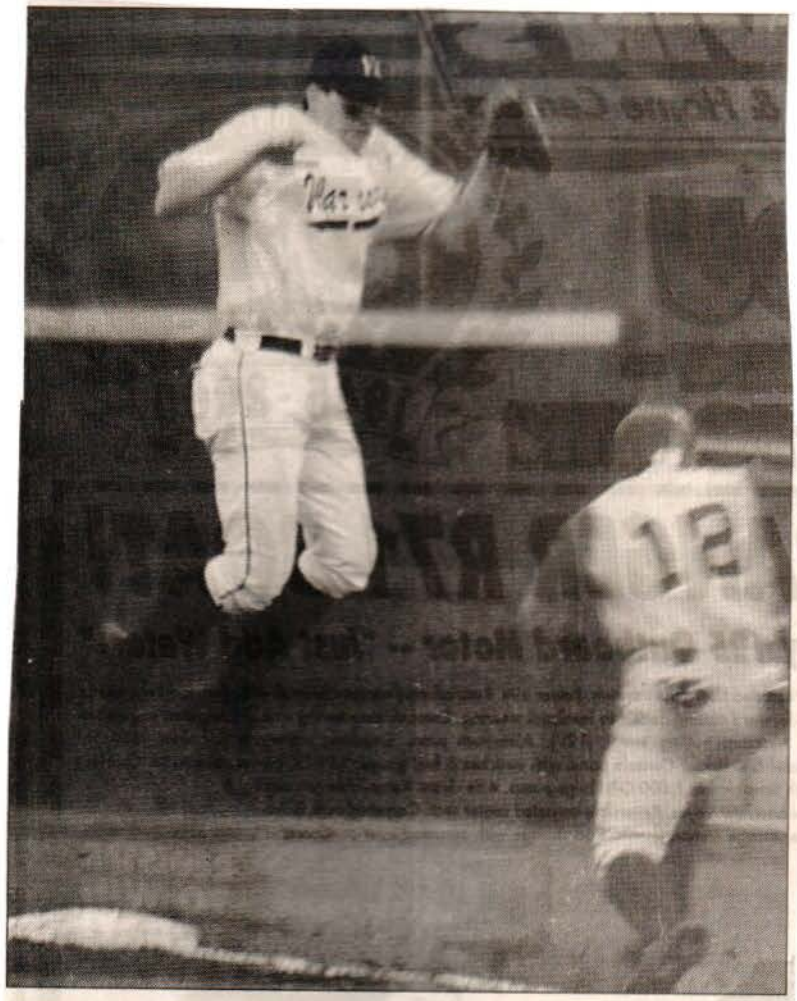

East Central first baseman Justin Webb goes up for a high throw in Saturday's sweep of Jones.

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WEEK OF 3-20-00

EC off to 3-1 start in South Division

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Warriors opened South Division play with three wins in four games last week.

The Warriors were 10-12 overall entering this week.

• **EC 6-2, Hinds 5-3:** The Warriors opened South Division play with a split at Raymond on March 14.

In the opener, EC scored five runs in the top of the third inning to edge the Eagles. Josh Hardy's three-run homer was the big blow in the inning. Brent Page added an RBI-double.

After Hinds closed to within 5-4, Spence Latimer's sacrifice drove in the eventual winning run.

Toby Pinson had two singles and a double for EC.

Monty Migliacio (2-2) got the win, going 6 2/3 innings and striking out eight. He gave up nine hits but did not surrender any walks.

In the nightcap, Hinds snapped a 2-2 tie with a run in the bottom of the seventh to salvage a split.

The Warriors got a single and a double from Kent Chamblee, two singles from Spence Latimer, and a double from Jayeson McDonald.

Allen Buckley (0-2) took the loss despite allowing only four hits and three walks. He struck out nine.

EC's record went to 8-12, while Hinds' went to 10-9.

• **EC 9-6, Jones 5-5:** The Warriors swept the Bobcats Saturday in Decatur. In the opener, EC rallied from a 5-0 deficit with eight runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

In the comeback frame, EC got a two-run double from Brent Page, an RBI-double from Toby Pinson, an RBI-single from Spence Latimer, and a two-run homer from Patrick Ferriss.

Josh Hardy was hit by a pitch three times in the game.

Jayeson McDonald got the complete game win.

Pinson finished the game with a pair of doubles. Ferris had a single to go with his homer, while Latimer had a double to go with his single. Page and Kent Chamblee both had two singles.

In the second game, EC was cruising with a 5-2 lead when Jason Rowland launched a tying three-run homer with one out in the top of the sixth.

After a rain delay of approximately one hour, the Warriors got the next two Bobcats out and pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the sixth. Hardy and Kent Chamblee were hit by pitches. Justin Webb and Patrick Ferris drew two-out walks to plate courtesy runner Brad Farley with the go-ahead run.

Allen Buckley set the Bobcats down in order in the top of the seventh for the save. Judd Sanborn got the win in relief.

Pinson had two singles and a double to drive in two runs for EC. Page and Chamblee both had a pair of singles.

EC improved to 3-1 in the South Division and 10-12 overall. Jones fell to 0-4 and 8-12.

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WEEK OF 3-20-00

EC Warriors sweep Jones 9-5, 6-5

South Division competition is successfully underway for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors who swept a doubleheader from Jones County Junior College on Saturday and split action with Hinds Community College on March 14.

East Central, led by veteran head coach Jamie Clark, has won four of its last five contests to improve to 10-12 overall and 3-1 in league play.

In Saturday's matchups with the visiting Bobcats, East Central won the first game by a 9-5 margin and completed the sweep with a 6-5 score.

Sophomore hurler Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa went the distance in game one, as he fanned six and allowed seven hits to improve his record to 2-3. The Bobcats had jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth, but the diamond Warriors erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the inning. Key hits during the rally included a two-run homer by Patrick Ferriss of Clinton and a double from Toby Pinson of Little Rock. Ferris and Pinson each had two hits in the contest, as did Spence Latimer and Brent Page, both of Philadelphia, and Kent Chamblee of Carthage.

In game two, which was hampered by a 45-minute rain delay, East Central scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth. Sophomore ace Judd Sanborn of Noxapater got the win and improved his record to 2-0. Allen Buckley of Brandon pitched a scoreless seventh inning to record his first save of the 2000 campaign. Pinson led EC with three hits, with Page and Chamblee adding two hits each.

Against Hinds, the Diamond Warriors posted a 6-5 win in game one but fell 3-2 in the nightcap. East Central used a five-run third inning to rally for the win, with the key blow coming from a three-run homer by Josh hardy of Philadelphia. Pinson led the EC offensive attack with three hits. Freshman hurler Monte Migliacio of Plaquemine, La., was credited with the victory, and his twin, Mario got the save.

In the second game, Buckley got the loss although he had another standout performance on the mound, as he recorded nine strikeouts and allowed just four hits. Latimer and Chamblee led East Central with two hits apiece.

In nondivision action, the Diamond Warriors scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth to defeat visiting Three Rivers (Missouri) 5-4 on Sunday, March 12. Freshman hurler Brandon Fish of Demopolis, Ala., went 5 2/3 innings, and was relieved by sophomore Brad Fairly of Tuscaloosa and later Jud Nowell of Philadelphia. Nowell was credited with the win and saw his record improve to 4-0. McDonald, Pinson and Latimer had two hits each to lead EC at the plate.

This week's schedule has the diamond Warriors playing all games on the road. EC traveled to Gulf Coast on Tuesday, March 21 for doubleheader action at 4 p.m. in Poplarville, followed by a single contest with Mississippi Delta at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 in Moorhead. EC journeys to Pearl River on Saturday March 25 in doubleheader action that gets underway at 1 p.m. in Poplarville. The Diamond Warriors end the week challenging East Mississippi in a single game at 6 p.m. Monday, march 27 on the Scooba campus.

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WEEK OF 3/27/00

EC Warriors split division games

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

After losing twice at Gulf Coast and once at Mississippi Delta, the East Central Community College Warriors rebounded to take a pair of South Division games at Pearl River Saturday afternoon.

EC was 5-3 in the division and 12-15 overall entering this week.

• **Gulf Coast 3-7, EC 2-1:** The Warriors fell to 3-3 in the South Division and 10-14 overall as they were swept on March 21 at Perkinston.

In the opener, LSU signee Roy Corcoran (5-2) struck out 10 in seven innings for the Bulldogs.

EC led 2-0 after scoring twice in the top of the fourth. Back-to-back homers by LSU signee Trae Duncan and Randy Redmond pulled Gulf Coast even.

The Warriors got a single and a double from Jayeson McDonald and a single apiece from Justin Webb and Brent Page. Monty Migliacio (2-3) took the loss.

In the nightcap, LSU signee Chuck Butler, Joe Rankin, and Alec Gibson combined to strike out 17 Warriors.

EC got a single apiece from Webb, Kent Chamblee, Toby Pinson, and Lee Martin. Allen Buckley (0-3) took the loss.

Gulf Coast improved to 19-8 overall and 5-1 in the division.

• **Miss. Delta 16, EC 4:** The Trojans scored five runs in the second and third innings in run-ruling the Warriors in five innings Thursday at Moorhead.

EC got a single and a double from Kent Chamblee, two singles from Spence Latimer, and a single apiece from Amos Thames and Judd Sanborn.

Brad Farley took the loss.

EC fell to 10-15 as Delta upped its mark to 8-15.

• **EC 7-5, Pearl River 4-1:** The Warriors snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 5-3 in the South Division with Saturday's sweep at Poplarville.

In the opener, the Warriors snapped a 1-1 tie with four runs in the top of the fourth inning. After Pearl River closed to within 5-4 with three runs in the bottom of the fourth, EC tallied twice in the top of the fifth.

Justin Webb had two doubles and a single to lead EC. Kent Chamblee and Jayeson McDonald both had a double, while Toby Pinson, Patrick Ferris, Judd Sanborn, and Chuck Welch each had a single.

Brandon Fish (1-3) got the win in relief. Clay Hannaford (4-1) took the loss.

Spence Latimer had a pair of singles in the second game as the Warriors completed the sweep.

EC scored two runs in both the third and fourth frames.

Monty Migliacio, Allen Buckley, and Judson Nowell combined for a three-hitter with Migliacio (3-3) going five innings for the win.

Chamblee, Webb, and Brent Page each had a single for EC, 12-15. Pearl River fell to 16-12-1 overall and 4-2 in league play.

South Division Standings
(Through March 26)

Gulf Coast	5-1
Copiah-Lincoln	4-2
Pearl River	4-2
East Central	5-3
Hinds	2-5
Jones	2-6
Southwest	1-4

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Co-Lin sweeps East Central

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Meridian Star

DECATUR — With 21 games left in the season, Jamie Clark feels his East Central Community College Warriors are not a very good baseball team.

They certainly didn't do much to disprove that school of thought Wednesday evening by dropping a doubleheader to the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wolves, 6-5 in the rain-delayed opener and 11-8 in the nightcap.

Co-Lin
6-11
ECCC
5-8

The calling card for the Warriors of not being able to hold leads late in close games held up in both of the contests as Warrior pitching failed to answer the call.

"(Allen) Buckley was all over the place tonight, and I thought we left (Jud) Nowell in a few pitches too long. We're not the kind of team that is good enough to win close games if we don't do the little things right," Clark said.

Although the Warrior skipper refused to buy into the notion after game one, a plethora of errors that seemed to be aided by poor field conditions at Chris Gay Memorial Field went a long way toward deciding the final outcome.

After initial starter Monty Migliacio struggled early, giving up two runs on four hits in the first inning, brother Mario came to his aid and settled down the Wolfpack bats somewhat to get ECCC (13-15, 5-5) in position to compete.

Down 4-0 in the third, it would be time for the Warriors to make some noise of their own.

After Chuck Welch took third on a pair of Co-Lin throwing errors, center fielder Brent Page blasted an RBI double to get ECCC on the board.

Toby Pinson then popped a single, but the comedy of errors continued for the Wolves and by the time Co-Lin starter Nick Smith got Justin Webb to bloop back to first to end the inning, the Wolves had given up three runs on two hits and three errors.

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A MIGHTY CUT — East Central Patrick Ferriss smashes an RBI-double to center field while Copiah-Lincoln catcher Breck Honea watches. Ferriss was thrown out at third trying to stretch the double to a triple.

WEEK OF 3-27-00

ECCC Diamond Warriors sweep Pearl River

East Central Community College claimed a doubleheader sweep over homestanding Pearl River Community College on Saturday, which lifted the Diamond Warriors to a 12-15 overall record and a 5-3 mark in South Division action.

EC took the first game by a score of 7-4, as freshman hurler Brandon Fish of Demopolis, Ala., improved his record to 1-3. Leading hitters for East Central were Justin Webb of Philadelphia, two doubles, and Kent Chamblee of Carthage and Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa, doubles each.

In the nightcap, the Diamond Warriors posted a 5-1 decision, with Migliacio (3-3) picking up the win.

In doubleheader action scheduled this week, East Central hosts Copiah-Lincoln at 3 p.m. Wednesday, and entertains Southwest at 1 p.m. Saturday. The Diamond Warriors host Bishop State at 3 p.m., April 3.

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WEEK OF 4-3-00

ECCC Diamond Warriors

Post 2-1 Win over Southwest

Sophomore sluggers Toby Pinson of Little Rock and Justin Webb of Philadelphia had RBI's for East Central Community College as the Diamond Warriors claimed a 2-1 decision over visiting Southwest Mississippi Community College in the first game of a Saturday afternoon doubleheader.

Sophomore hurler Jayeson McDonald of Tuscaloosa went the distance for EC, which improved to 14-17 overall and 6-5 in South Division action. McDonald scattered five hits in the seven-inning matchup, and improved his record to 3-3.

The second contest was rained out and will be rescheduled if needed to determine South Division standings.

In other games last week, the Diamond Warriors dropped a doubleheader to visiting Copiah-Lincoln on March 29.

In the first game, Co-Lin jumped out to a 4-0 lead and held on for a 6-5 win. Mario Migliacio (0-3) of Plaquemine, La., took the loss. Brent Page of Philadelphia led EC at the plate with two hits.

The Wolves took the nightcap by an 11-8 score. Judd Nowell (4-1) of Philadelphia was the losing pitcher. Pinson and Kent Chamblee of Carthage had two hits each to lead the Diamond Warriors.

In games scheduled this week, East Central has two home games scheduled on Wednesday, April 5 - a 1 p.m. matchup with Holmes Community College followed by a 5 p.m. contest with Mississippi Delta. The Diamond Warriors will host Hinds on Saturday, April 8, with doubleheader action scheduled to start at 1 p.m. at Chris Gay Memorial Field.

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WEEK OF 4-3-00

East Central wins two, loses two

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

East Central Community College went 2-2 in last week's baseball action with a fifth-game suspended due to Saturday's rain.

Entering this week, the Warriors were 6-5 in the MACJC South Division and 14-17 overall.

• **EC 13, East Mississippi 11:** The Warriors improved to 13-15 while the Lions fell to 13-13 in the three-and-a-half hour March 27 contest at Scooba.

Justin Webb had an RBI-single and a two-run double to drive in three runs for EC. Toby Pinson had two doubles and three RBIs. Jayeson McDonald and Kent Chamblee both had a single and a double.

Jim Abraham went 3-for-5 with a homer for East Mississippi. Derek Whitford also had three hits, while Andy Ray had a homer.

• **Copiah-Lincoln 6-11, EC 5-8:** The Warriors dropped both games of Wednesday's doubleheader at Decatur.

In the opener, Daniel Mouton doubled and scored on a single by Josh McNulty to snap a 5-5 deadlock in the top of the seventh inning.

The Warriors got the tying run to third base with one out in the bottom of the seventh, but were unable to score.

EC got an RBI-double from Brent Page, a double from Justin Stovall, an RBI-single apiece from Toby Pinson and Josh Hardy, and a single from Kent Chamblee.

Mario Migliacio (0-3) took the loss in a six-inning relief effort.

EC jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap with Stovall's bases loaded double plating three runs.

Co-Lin drew even at 8-8 on a two-run pinch-hit homer by Breck Honea in the top of the sixth and went up 9-8 in the frame when Edison Lee walked, took second on a botched pickoff attempt, went to third on a sacrifice bunt, and scored on a wild pitch.

The Wolves added a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

Judd Sanborn (2-1) took the loss in relief.

EC got a two-run double from Jayeson McDonald, an RBI-double from Patrick Ferriss, and a single apiece from Brent Page, Justin Webb, Nick Wooten, and Spence Latimer.

EC fell to 13-17 overall and 5-5 in the South Division. Co-Lin improved to 20-9 and 6-2.

• **EC 2, Southwest 1:** Toby Pinson's one-out double in the bottom of the sixth inning enabled the Warriors to take Saturday's opener at Decatur.

Pinson's two-bagger scored Kent Chamblee who went all the way to third base on a two-base throwing error on his bunt single.

The second game was rained out with Southwest leading 3-2 in the top of the third. It will be made up at a later date if it effects postseason play for either team.

In the opener, EC took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning as Pinson singled, stole second, and scored on a single by Justin Webb.

EC's only other hit was a single by Chamblee.

Southwest knotted the game at 1-1 with a run in the top of the second.

Jayeson McDonald (3-3) got the complete game win, striking out three while walking two and allowing five hits.

In the rain-suspended second game, Southwest scored single runs in the first, third, and fourth frames.

EC closed to within 3-2 with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth. Pinson led off with a double. Webb reached on an error and McDonald walked to load the bases. A wild pitch plated Pinson with Webb scoring on Judd Sanborn's sacrifice fly.

Pinson's double was EC's only hit off Jeremiah Watson.

Southwest had runners at first and second with no outs when the game was halted due to rain.

EC improved to 14-17.

South Division Standings
(Through April 2)

Gulf Coast	7-1
Copiah-Lincoln	6-2
East Central	6-5
Pearl River	4-4
Southwest	2-5
Hinds	2-6
Jones	2-6

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

EC puts the broom to Hinds

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Warriors won three of their four baseball games last week, including a South Division sweep of Hinds on Saturday, to improve to 17-18 overall and 8-5 in the division.

• **Bishop State at EC, ppd.:** The April 3 doubleheader at Decatur was rained out and has been rescheduled for May 2 at 3 p.m.

• **EC 20, Holmes 17:** After spotting Holmes a 7-1 lead after an inning and a half, the Warriors scored nine runs in the bottom of the third to take a 12-7 lead in Wednesday's slugfest at Decatur.

The highlight of the nine-run frame was a grand slam to right field by Toby Pinson that put EC up 12-7.

Holmes tallied three runs in the top of the seventh to take a 15-14 lead but EC scored six runs in the bottom of seventh for the win.

Daniel Munn had a two-run single and an RBI-single for EC, 15-17. Jayeson McDonald had two singles and a triple. Spence Latimer and Kent Chamblee each had a pair of RBI-singles. Kris Moore had a pair of singles and two RBIs. Monty Migliacio had two singles.

Amos Thames (1-1) got the win with 2 1/3 innings of relief. He struck out five and allowed two hits and no walks.

Brad Russell had a two-run homer and a three-run blast for Holmes, 15-17. Robert Felton hit for the cycle and had five RBIs. Todd Fowler had two singles and a two-run homer.

Holmes banged out 21 hits while the Warriors had 15.

South Division Standings
(Through April 9)

	Div.
1 Gulf Coast	11-3
2 Copiah-Lincoln	8-2
1 East Central	8-5
2 Pearl River	8-6
1 Southwest	4-9
2 Hinds	3-9
1 Jones	3-11

1 = Division I
2 = Division II

• **Mississippi Delta 15, EC 9:** In Wednesday's second game at Decatur, North Alabama signee Jayeson McDonald had a rough start as the Trojans tallied 12 earned runs on five hits, four walks, three hit batsmen, and a passed ball in just one inning of work.

Delta added three more runs in the top of the second off Mississippi State signee Allen Buckley to take a 15-0 lead before the Warriors began to peck away.

EC scored five times in the bottom of the fifth and got a two-run homer from Justin Webb in the fifth inning and a two-run shot from Brent Page in the sixth to close to within 15-9.

Meanwhile, Mario Migliacio (two innings), Monty Migliacio (two innings), and Judson Nowell (three innings) combined for seven shutout frames.

McDonald (3-4) took the loss.

Justin Stovall had four singles for EC, 15-18. Webb also had a single to go with his homer. Justin Reed and Hal Thompson both had two singles, while Kent Chamblee added a double.

Nick Gray had a two-run double and a two-run single for Delta, 14-15.

• **EC 3-14, Hinds 1-4:** EC improved to 8-5 in the South Division and 17-18 overall with Saturday's sweep at Decatur.

In the opener, the Warriors broke up a scoreless battle with a run in the bottom of the fourth. Toby Pinson, Justin Webb, and Patrick Ferris each had a single to load the bases and Judd Sanborn drew a walk to force in a run.

EC added a pair of insurance runs in the fifth. Kent Chamblee and Brent Page both had a single with Pinson following with an RBI-single. Ferris plated the second run with a sacrifice.

Pinson, Webb, and Page each had two singles for EC.

Monty Migliacio (4-3) allowed only three hits in getting the complete game win. He struck out four, walked one, and hit four batters.

Hinds' only run came on a solo homer by ?? Purvis in the top of the seventh.

In the second game, EC spotted the Eagles a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning before crossing the plate six times in the bottom of the first.

EC's key hit in the first was a two-run double by Kris Moore. In the frame, the Warriors had five hits.

Webb added a two-run double in the third to give the Warriors a 9-3 lead.

Chamblee added a two-run single in the fourth as the Warriors stretched out to an 11-4 lead.

Three more runs in the fifth ended the game on the run rule.

Mario Migliacio (1-3) got the complete game win, striking out seven and walking four. He allowed four hits.

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

Wooten inks with Diamond Warriors

Lake High School standout baseball player Jason Wooten has signed a National Letter with the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Wooten, a pitcher/infielder has a perfect 10-0 mark on the mound and bats .295. Joining Wooten at the signing ceremony were, (seated from left)Shella Wooten and (right) Mike Wooten. Standing(from left) Lake coach Wyatt Tullos, EC coach Jamie Clark and Lake principal Randy Martin.(EC photo)

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

Twins lift Warriors to div. wins

Twin brothers Monte and Mario Migliacio posted key victories for East Central Community College Saturday afternoon, as the Diamond Warriors took a pair of games from visiting Hinds.

With the wins, East Central improved to 17-18 overall and 8-5 in South Division competition and more importantly, crept closer to qualifying for post-season play.

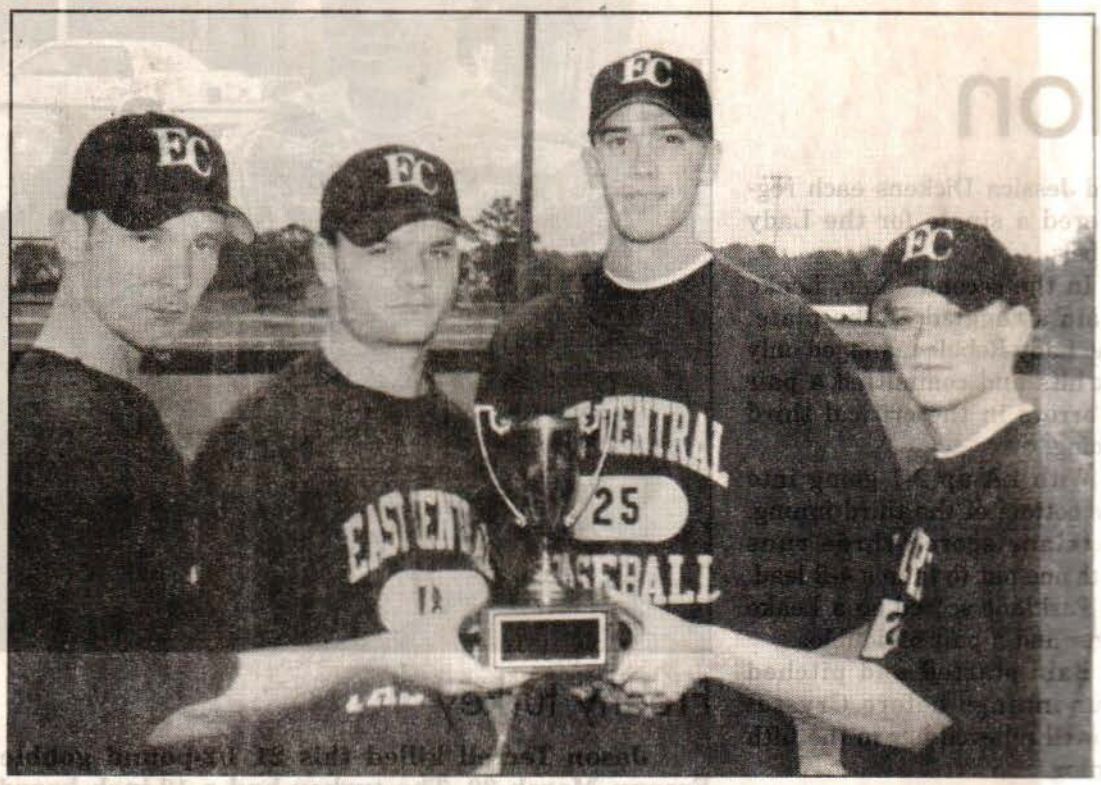
A lot of baseball action still remains for the Diamond Warriors, with doubleheaders scheduled against division foes Gulf Coast (April 15), Pearl River (April 18), Co-Lin (April 21) and Southwest (April 25).

In the first game with Hinds, Monte Migliacio went the distance as he fanned four Eagles and allowed just three hits in the Warriors 3-1 victory.

Justin Webb led EC with a double and a single, while Brent Page and Toby Pinson added a pair of singles each.

In game two, Mario Migliacio recorded seven strikeouts on his way to a 14-4 blowout, which was called after five innings. Mario Migliacio allowed just four hits.

Kent Chamblee led the Warriors with a trio of singles, while Webb added a double and a single; Pinson, two singles; and Spence Latimer, Kris Moore and Monte Migliacio each had a double.



ECCC wins Judge's Cup

East Central Community College won the Judge's Cup, a competition between the Diamond Warriors and East Mississippi, sponsored by Judge Little Co. in Meridian. East Central captured the award by defeating the Lions 13-11 . Warriors shown with the cup are, from left, Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Josh Hardy, Brandon Fish and Spence Latimer.

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WEEK OF 4-17-00

ECCC gets good pitching

East Central Community College got four outstanding pitching performances last week, but managed only a 2-2 showing for it.

The Warriors swept a South Division doubleheader at Jones before losing a league twinbill against Gulf Coast.

"The pitching has been outstanding," EC coach Jamie Clark said. "That's seven straight complete games in the division. We just haven't got the hitting to get the job done."

EC entered the week 19-20 overall and 10-7 in league play.

• **EC 5-4, Jones 2-0:** The Warriors improved to 10-5 in the South Division. In upping their overall record to 19-18, the Warriors got a pair of complete game performances from Jayeson McDonald and Allen Buckley.

McDonald (4-4) tossed a six-hitter in the opener, striking out nine and walking two.

Brent Page went 3-for-4 with a single, a double, and a triple. Patrick Ferris had an RBI-triple and two RBIs in the game. Toby Pinson had two singles and one RBI, while Justin Webb had an RBI-single.

Buckley (1-3) tossed a three-hitter for the Warriors in the nightcap, striking out six and walking three.

The Warriors scored twice in the top of the third to take a 2-0 lead and added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh.

In the third, Chuck Welch walked and Kent Chamblee followed with a double. A single by Page and a run-scoring fielder's choice by Pinson made it 2-0.

Webb's two-run single in the seventh scored Lee Martin and Pinson to give EC a 4-0 lead.

Webb finished with two singles and a double. Spence Latimer added a pair of singles.

• **Gulf Coast 2-2, EC 0-1:** The Warriors managed just three hits in each game of Saturday's twinbill at Decatur.

In the opener, LSU signee Roy Corcoran (8-2) allowed three hits and struck out seven to get the win.

Gulf Coast scored single runs in the first and third frames.

Brian Knight had two singles for the Bulldogs as they also had just three hits off Monty Migliacio (4-4).

EC got a double from Spence Latimer and a single apiece from Patrick Ferris and Toby Pinson.

The Warriors threatened in the bottom of the seventh as Jayeson McDonald and Daniel Munn drew one-out walks.

Corcoran came back to get Kris Moore and Justin Stovall to end the game.

In the second game, Gulf Coast snapped a scoreless battle with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth. Knight and Kenny Dellenger both had RBI-singles.

The Warriors got their lone run of the day in the bottom of the sixth as Ferris led off with a single and Kent Chamblee walked. Monty Migliacio's fielder's choice put runners on the corners. A passed ball on Justin Webb's strikeout enabled Ferris to score.

LSU signee Chuck Butler (7-1) struck out 12 in six innings to get the win. He allowed two hits and walked four.

EC's other two hits were a double by Latimer and a single by Chuck Welch.

Mario Migliacio (1-4) took the loss despite giving up just two runs and five hits in seven innings.

EC fell to 19-20 overall and 10-7 in the South Division.

Gulf Coast upped its marks to 28-11 and 14-3.

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WEEK OF 4-24-00

Warriors lose three of four

By MARTY STAMPER
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The East Central Community College Warriors went 1-3 in a pair of South Division doubleheaders last week as they fell to 11-10 in the league and 20-23 overall.

The Warriors have been eliminated from the state tournament but hold a four-game lead over Southwest for a berth in the Region 23 Division I Tournament with only four games remaining. The Warriors and Bears play a doubleheader today at Summit and will also complete a rain-suspended game from April 1 in which the Bears hold a 3-2 lead in the top of the fifth inning.

Gulf Coast has already wrapped up a regional berth. Also in the Region 23 Tournament are Meridian and Bossier Parrish from the Miss-Lou Conference and Northeast Mississippi from the MACJC North Division.

• **Pearl River 9-7, EC 1-3:** East Central's late-season hitting slump continued in the April 18 doubleheader at Decatur as the Warriors managed just two hits in the opener and four in the nightcap.

EC led 1-0 through three innings in the opener as Patrick Ferris was hit by a pitch in the bottom of the first inning and scored on a double by Brent Page. EC's only other hit was a single by Justin Webb.

Pearl River took the lead for good on Jeremy Chance's two-run homer in the top of the fourth.

The Wildcats picked up seven runs in the sixth to break the game open. Casey Weems' three-run triple was the big blow.

Pearl River had just three hits but received 13 walks.

Warrior starter Jayeson McDonald (4-5) took the loss. Rudy Smith (7-5) got the win.

Monty Migliacio got the Warriors off to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first in the nightcap with a two-run blast high off the scoreboard. Kent Chamblee, who had reached on an error, also scored on the blow.

After the Wildcats got one run back in the top of the second, EC made it 3-1 in the bottom of the second. Spence Latimer was hit by a pitch and scored on a single by Chuck Welch.

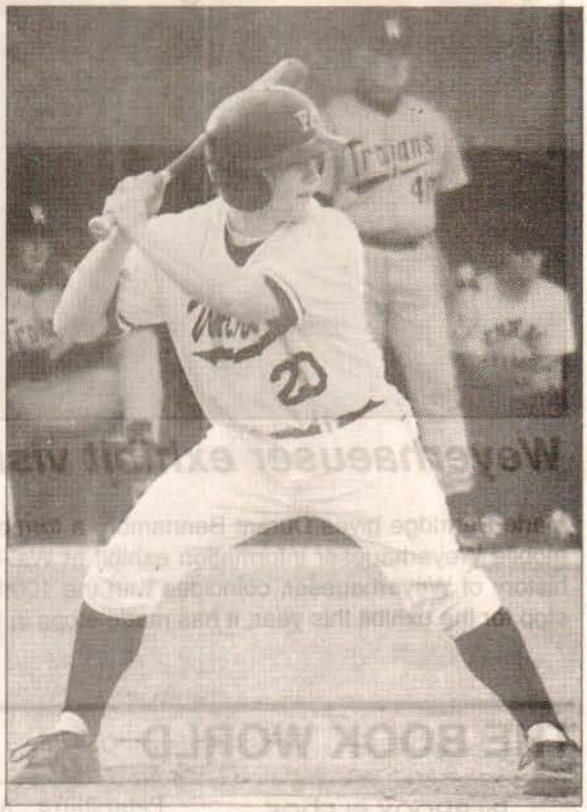
The Wildcats drew even with two runs in the third and scored three times in the top of the fifth to go up 6-3. Weems' two-run single made it 6-3.

Weems added a run-scoring triple in the seventh for the final run.

In addition to Migliacio's homer and Welch's single, EC's other hits were singles by Page and Webb.

EC starter Allen Buckley (1-4) got the loss.

Wildcat reliever Jared McDaniel (2-1) got the win with 3 2/3 innings of shutout relief.



Spence Latimer and the ECCC Warriors are one win away from clinching a Region 23 Tournament berth.

EC fell to 19-22 overall and 10-9 in the South Division. Pearl River improved to 24-17-1 and 10-8.

• **EC 4-6, Copiah-Lincoln 3-9:** The Warriors split Friday's division twinbill at Wesson with the league-leading Wolves.

In the opener, EC scored twice in the first and fourth frames for the win.

Monty Migliacio (5-4) went the distance, allowing nine hits, for the win.

EC got a double from Justin Webb and a homer from Brent Page.

Nick Smith (3-5) went the distance in taking the loss.

Christopher Dunn, Daniel Mouton, and Brandon Atkins each had a double for Co-Lin.

In the second game, the Wolves built a 9-2 lead over the first six innings and held off a late Warrior rally for the split.

Mario Migliacio (1-5) took the loss.

Jacob Blakeney (8-0) got the win.

EC got a double from Monty Migliacio, while Co-Lin got a double apiece from Adam Different and Nook Logan.

With the split, EC's record went to 11-10 in the South Division and 20-23 overall. Co-Lin went to 17-3 and 35-11.

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ECCC slips into regional

By MARTY STAMPER
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Despite a noticeable limp down the homestretch, the East Central Community College Warriors have secured a berth in the Region 23 Tournament, May 11-14.

EC, 20-27, will apparently face the host Meridian Community College Eagles, 36-15, on May 11 at 4 p.m. in their tourney opener. Also in the six-team field are Northeast Mississippi (23-19-1), Gulf Coast (31-17), Bossier Parish, and Mississippi Delta (23-23).

The Warriors went 0-4 in last week's action to fall to 20-27 overall. In their last 10 games, the Warriors have an anemic .177 team batting average with nine of those games resulting in losses.

• **Bevill State 12, EC 2:** The homestanding Bears run-ruled the Warriors in the April 24 contest at Fayette, Ala.

Down 7-0 after giving up five runs in the bottom of the second and two more in the third, the Warriors got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth on a double by Justin Reed and a single by Patrick Ferris.

The Warriors got their second run in the top of the seventh on doubles by Ferris and Daniel Munn.

Bevill had only two hits in scoring five times in second frame as Warrior starter Allen Buckley (1-5) gave up three walks and hit another batter. In two innings, he allowed six runs, all earned, on three hits and four walks.

Ferris had a single and a double for EC, 20-24. Reed, Munn, and Justin Webb each had a double. Monty Migliacio and Judd Sanborn both had a single.

• **Southwest 9-3-6, EC 3-2-3:** The Warriors tied the dubious school record for losses in a day with Wednesday's South Division trifecta in Summit.

Southwest padded a 3-2 fifth inning lead in completing the rain-suspended game from April 1 by a 9-3 margin. Brandon Fish (2-4) got the loss.

The Bears, who came in with a 10-24 season's mark, took win No. 2 of the afternoon with a run in the bottom of the seventh. After three straight walks loaded the bases, Scott Newman hit a game-winning single.

EC had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the first as Daniel Munn hit a two-out triple and scored when Justin Reed reached on an error.

Southwest tied the game in the bottom of the third on an RBI-single by Ryan Mead.

EC reclaimed a 2-1 lead in the fourth as Munn had an RBI-single.

The Bears tied the game again with an unearned in the sixth with Davian Bayham's single driving in the run.

Jayeson McDonald (4-6) got the hard-luck loss despite giving up just four hits. He walked six and struck out four.

Jeremiah Watson got the win, allowing three hits and striking out four.

Besides Munn's single and triple, EC's only other hit was a single by Toby Pinson.

Southwest made it 3-0 for the day by scoring five runs in the first two innings in the day's finale. Two walks, two hit batsmen, and an RBI-single by Mead did the damage in the first inning.

EC got one run back in the top of the second on an RBI-single by Kent Chamblee. Chamblee had three singles to account for nearly all of EC's four hits in the game.

The Warriors got their second run in the third inning on an RBI-double by Monty Migliacio.

Patrick Ferris had a run-scoring fielder's choice in the seventh to conclude the scoring.

EC starter Amos Thames (1-2) took the loss, giving up three runs, all earned, on two hits and two walks in an inning of action.

EC fell to 11-13 in the division and 20-27 overall. Southwest improved to 13-24 and 9-13.

ECCC feels it belongs

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By Austin Bishop / The Meridian Star
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DECATUR - East Central Community College baseball coach Jamie Clark makes no apologies for his team being in the Region 23 Baseball Tournament with a 20-27 record.

"I can remember there were years when we were 29-15, 29-19, 30-18 and we didn't get in, so we won't apologize," he said. "We have earned a spot.

"We feel like that there are some teams there that are probably better than us," Clark said. "We are going to be honest with the guys. These guys are 20-years-old, they know there are some teams over there that better years than us."

But Clark is quick to point out when the four-day tournament starts Thursday, what happened earlier in the season really doesn't matter.

"All we have got to do is play better than those other five teams for four days and that's it," he said. "We feel like with our starting pitching we have a chance to compete with anybody we play. Our defense has been inconsistent, but as of the last few weeks it has played a lot better.

"Offensively though, we have had problems most of the year," Clark said. "We are hitting .264 as a team and we only have 17 home runs. We really don't' know what is wrong, except for the fact that we just haven't hit."

East Central plays its first game in the six-team, double-elimination Region 23 event against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at 7 p.m.

The tourney begins at 1 p.m. with Bossier (La.) Parish facing Northeast Mississippi, while Meridian Community College and Mississippi Delta Community College play at 4 p.m. All games are at Scaggs Field on the campus of Meridian Community College.

"It would be an understatement to say this season hasn't really developed the way we thought it would," Clark said. "We only lost a handful of last year's team that was 17-7 (in league play) and co-champions of the South Division. But they were key players.

"We had the makings of a really good season," he said. "Nobody out there works harder than we do, we just haven't put it together. We have lost a lot of close games. We lost five conference games by one run and two more by two runs, so the conference record could have been a lot better."

ECCC was 11-13 in South Division play. The Warriors beat out Southwest and Jones for the second spot out of the South in the Region tournament. Gulf Coast won the division title and is the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

Clark said his view on tournament play is simple. "We are going to go after game one like it is the only game in the tournament," he said. "Whatever pitchers we have to use, we will do it."

He said that freshman right-hander Monte Migliacio of Plaquemine, La., will get the start in the first game, while left-hander Jayeson McDonald is likely to start the second game.

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East Central Community College baseball coach Jamie Clark knows his team's role in the Region 23 Division I Tournament which begins Thursday at Meridian Community College.

"Three teams appear to have a really good chance to win it, on paper – Meridian, Bossier Parish, and Gulf Coast," Clark said. "The other three (East Central, Mississippi Delta, and Northeast Mississippi) would have to play really well to have a shot.

"We're going over there with the idea of winning that first game. We're not worried about Friday and Saturday. If we're fortunate to win that first one, then we'll turn our attention to the second game."

It will be the fifth straight year the Warriors have qualified for the regional with last year's runner-up finish being their best showing.

EC, 20-27, opens play on Thursday at 7 p.m. by taking on Mississippi Gulf Coast, 31-18. The Warriors were 0-4 against the Bulldogs during the regular season, losing 3-2, 7-1, 2-0, and 2-1. However, EC has fared well against Gulf Coast in post-season play the last two years, beating the Bulldogs for the 1998 MACJC state championship and then 13-5 in the 1999 regional.

"We're going to do whatever we have to do pitching-wise to win that game even if it means using our top four pitchers," Clark said. "The plan right now is to throw Monty Migliacio (5-4, 3.36 ERA) in the first game and Jayeson McDonald (4-6, 6.32) in the second game.

The Warriors haven't played since losing three games to lightly-regarded Southwest Mississippi, 14-25, on April 26.

"It will be 15 days without playing a game," Clark said. "You would like to think that would be terrible for our hitters because hitting is timing. We'll face either Chuck Butler (8-2, 2.65) or Roy Corcoran (8-3, 1.76). Both have signed with LSU. You can name your poison. Both throw over 90 mph and both have great breaking balls. There's no way for us as coaches to simulate 92 mph fastballs."

In the four previous meetings this year, Gulf Coast hurlers have combined to strike out 47 EC batters with Butler fanning 22 and Corcoran whiffing 17.

EC was supposed to have made up a rained out doubleheader with Bishop State on May 2 but the Mobile, Ala., team was in final exams and couldn't play.

Warriors in the regionals

1996 – Delgado 13, East Central 5
Holmes 5, East Central 3
(EC finished 31-21)

1997 – East Central 12, Gulf Coast 1
Mississippi Delta 12, East Central 8
Meridian 9, East Central 6
(EC finished 40-18)

1998 – East Central 10, East Mississippi 0
Delgado 6, East Central 4
Meridian 3, East Central 1
(EC finished 32-22)

1999 – Delgado 9, East Central 1
East Central 13, Gulf Coast 5
East Central 7, Northeast 3
Delgado 8, East Central 6
(EC finished 28-27)

"We've been playing a lot of intrasquad games," Clark said.

For the year, the Warriors are batting just .264. That number sags to a puny .177 over the Warriors' last 10 games of which they went 1-9.

"We're starting eight sophomores out of the nine hitters and most of them hit a lot better last year than this year," Clark said. "We haven't changed our hitting philosophy. We haven't changed out batting practice schedules. I don't know what it is.

"Nobody plays harder than we do. We run the bases hard. We're not suffering from a lack of effort."

Designated hitter Toby Pinson leads EC with a .368 batting average. Freshman left fielder Kent Chamblee is batting .343, followed by center fielder Brent Page (.295, 5 HR), first baseman Justin Webb (.295, 3 HR), second baseman Spence Latimer (.281), pitcher/first baseman/designated hitter Monty Migliacio (.268), utility infielder Justin Stovall (.255), shortstop Chuck Welch (.247), outfielder Patrick Ferris (.236), pitcher/right fielder Jayeson McDonald (.234), third baseman Judd Sanborn (.209), catcher Josh Hardy (.183), and catcher Kris Moore (.154).

The Warriors have an .891 team fielding percentage and a 6.50 team ERA.

Other EC pitchers likely to see action are Judson Nowell (4-0, 7.53), Allen Buckley (1-5 5.68), Brandon Fish (2-4, 9.20), and Mario Migliacio (1-5, 5.24).

Other games Thursday have Bossier Parish and Northeast Mississippi meeting at 1 p.m. with Meridian, 39-16, facing Mississippi Delta at 4.

WEEK OF 5-2-2000

Warriors drop opener

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

Kenny Dellenger has immaculate timing.

The sophomore ripped his first homer of the season in the top of the 10th inning to lead Mississippi Gulf Coast to a 6-4 win over East Central Community College in the first round of the Region 23 Tournament on Thursday night.

Gulf Coast 6
ECCC 4

The three-run homer capped off a comeback win that saw the Bulldogs score a run in the top of the ninth just to force extra innings.

"I really didn't think it was going out,

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but when it went over it was the best feeling," Dellenger said. He said he saw a hanging curveball and just tried to hit it hard.

"I wasn't going back to the dugout with my bat," he said. "So I was making contact for sure."

Gulf Coast coach Cooper Farris said Dellenger's homer didn't surprise him at all.

"Dellegner didn't have any home runs this year, but he has been hurt all year," Farris said. "He hit five for us last year and hit about .380. He is just now getting healthy again — he broke his arm."

The game was a pitching duel for the first nine innings as Gulf Coast's Roy Corcoran and East Central's Monty Migliacio matched each other pitch-for-pitch.

It is the sixth time that Corcoran has beaten East Central over the past two years.

"He's never given up more than three runs," Clark said. "He's just been dominating."

Clark said he wasn't surprised at all that the game was close.

"I've been battling those guys for 13 years and it seems like they are always 1-0, 2-1 or extra innings — they are always tough," East Central coach Jamie Clark said. "They always throw their best guy at us, we always throw our best guy at them."

While Corcoran got the win to move to 9-3 on the year, Migliacio also pitched a gem.

"The kid pitched his heart out," Clark said of his right-handed freshman. "Maybe I could have done something different as a coach, may a player could have done something different — I don't know. It's over."

Migliacio said it was hard to believe his team lost the game, when the Warriors were just one strike away from winning in the top of the ninth.

"It's just unreal," he said. "Two outs, one strike away, the guy hits a bloop. What kind I say."

The bloop Migliacio (5-5) was referring to was a single to left by pinch-hitter Tim Wheeler that scored Dellenger, who had begun the inning with a single.

The Bulldogs scratched one run out in the first inning. Darrius Brown led the game off with a hard single up the middle. A pair of groundouts moved Brown to third where Trae Duncan brought him in with single for a 1-0 Bulldog lead.

The Warrior offense finally woke up in the fourth inning. Kent Chamblee got the Warriors' first hit of the game with a single to center but was thrown out at second trying to stretch it to a double.

Brent Page followed with a walk and Toby Pinson reached when he was hit by a pitch. Justin Webb then ripped a double down the left field line to push Page across to knot the score at 1-1. Pinson then scored on a Corcoran wild pitch for a 2-1 ECCC lead.

Gulf Coast, now 32-18 on the season, tied the game at 2-2 thanks to a solo homer by Chris Broadus in the sixth.

ECCC, 20-28, answered in the bottom of the inning when Patrick Ferris singled and later scored on a Gulf Coast error to put the Warriors up 3-2.

After Gulf Coast tied the game in the ninth, the Bulldogs took the 6-3 lead in the top of the 10th on Dellenger's three-run homer.

East Central rallied in the bottom of the 10th, picking up a single run on a pop fly bases-loaded single by Justin Webb. Alec Gibson then got the last hitter to line out to center with the bases loaded to pick up his seventh save on the season.

ECCC returns to action at 1 p.m. today when the Warriors face Mississippi Delta, while Gulf Coast takes on Bossier Parish at 7 p.m. MCC and Northeast Mississippi meet in the 4 p.m. contest.

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

East Central preps for regional tourney

East Central Community College will begin its fifth-straight appearance in the Region 23 Baseball Tournament by challenging South Division foe Gulf Coast during first-round action scheduled Thursday, May 11, at host Meridian Community College.

The sixth-seeded Diamond Warriors (20-27, 11-13) and top-seeded Bulldogs (31-18) meet at 7 p.m. at Scaggs Field.

The winner will meet the winner of the Northeast Mississippi (#3)-Bossier (#4) matchup at 7 p.m. Friday, while the loser takes on the Meridian (#2)-Delta (#5) loser at 1 p.m. Friday.

Competition continues Saturday with finals scheduled Sunday afternoon.

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The members of the East Central Community College baseball team might want to carefully watch where they step this summer. After all, they've been snakebit on the diamond all spring long.

The Warriors went 0-2 in the Region 23 Tournament at Meridian Community College last week to finish their season with a 20-29 mark for the school's first losing season since the late 1980s.

"It was an amazing year," EC coach Jamie Clark said. "I thought the guys played hard every inning of every game. We lost so many close games. In the past, we've won those games. This year it just went the other way. Maybe it was just catching up with us.

"No regrets, the guys gave it what they had. We just didn't get it done and now we turn our attention to the future and it's my job to get some guys who can produce some runs."

The Warriors lost 16 games by three runs or less in 2000. EC lost six games by one run, six more by two runs, and four by three runs.

EC very nearly made some big noise in the opening round as they led top-seeded Gulf Coast 3-2 and were just one strike away from taking the upset.

The Bulldogs tied the game on a bloop single in the top of the ninth and then won it on a three-run homer in the 10th.

"It was probably one of our better games of the year," Clark said. "We played good defense and had some at-bats late in the game to put them away and didn't really have good at-bats."

• **Gulf Coast 6, EC 4:** The Warriors were one strike away from upsetting the top-seeded Bulldogs in Thursday night's opening round game.

EC led 3-2 in the top of the ninth only to have a blooper fall in shallow left field to plate the tying run.

Gulf Coast then got a three-run homer from Kenny Dellenger – his first of the season – in the top of the 10th to take the win.

Not that the Warriors didn't have a chance for the win in the bottom of the ninth. The Warriors had runners on first and third with one out, but Bulldog ace Ray Corcoran got out of the rally unscathed to force extra innings.

"You get those guys on third base with less than two outs, you've got to score them and we lost some opportunities there," EC coach Jamie Clark said.

The Warriors made a final threat in the bottom of the 10th as Patrick Ferrris was hit by a pitch by Alec Gibson and Kent Chamblee drew a walk. After Toby Pinson was hit by a pitch to load the bases, Justin Webb hit a towering popup just behind the mound which fell for an infield single to make it 6-4. Gibson then shut down the Warriors to pick up the save.

"I told the guys going in that it was going to be just like the other Gulf Coast games. We were both throwing our top guy and we knew it would be low-scoring and the team that made the fewest mistakes would be the team that won," Clark said.

Corcoran, an LSU signee, got the win to improve to 9-3. He struck out nine and walked

guess myself and say I probably left him a few too many pitches. We don't like to let guys throw over 100 pitches and he threw 140.

"Their guy (Corcoran) was absolutely brilliant. In six starts against us in two years, he's 6-0 and hasn't given up more than three runs in any game. He's one of the best junior college pitchers I've ever seen as far as being really good every time out."

Ferris and Webb both had a single and a double for the Warriors, 20-28. Chamblee had a pair of singles. Pinson had a single.

Dellenger had two singles to go with his homer for the Bulldogs as they improved to 32-18. Chris Broadus had a single and a solo homer.

• **Mississippi Delta 9, EC 7:** As was the case for most of their season, if anything could go wrong for the Warriors it did and Friday afternoon's elimination game was no exception.

EC had 16 hits to eight for the Trojans, but it was the Warriors packing it up for the season when the final out was recorded.

The Trojans jumped out to a 9-1 lead after scoring six times in the bottom of the fifth inning. Nick Gray and Reed Thompson both had a two-run homer in the inning with Edwin Maysonet adding a two-run double.

Delta also got a two-run homer from Broderick Williams in the second inning. Williams also had a pair of singles to pace the Trojans' offense.

The Warriors got right back in the game by scoring five runs in the top of the sixth. Chuck Welch was hit by a pitch and Spence Latimer followed with a double. Josh Hardy, who went 5-for-5 after entering the game with a .176 batting average, singled to drive in Welch.

Patrick Ferris followed with an RBI-double. An RBI-single by Brent Page and a two-run single by Mario Migliacio pulled the Warriors to within 9-6.

EC got its first run in the top of the third as Ferris singled and scored on a single by Justin Webb. The Warriors left the bases loaded as they had previously done in the first inning.

The Warriors left 14 men on base in the loss despite setting a tournament record for being hit by a pitch on eight occasions.

The Warriors staged one final comeback attempt in the top of the ninth as Latimer was hit by a pitch, moved up on Hardy's single, and scored on Kris Moore's fielder's choice.

Hardy's 5-for-5 day led the Warriors at the plate. Ferris had two singles and a double, while Webb had three singles. Page had two singles, while Latimer added a double. Toby Pinson and Migliacio each had a single.

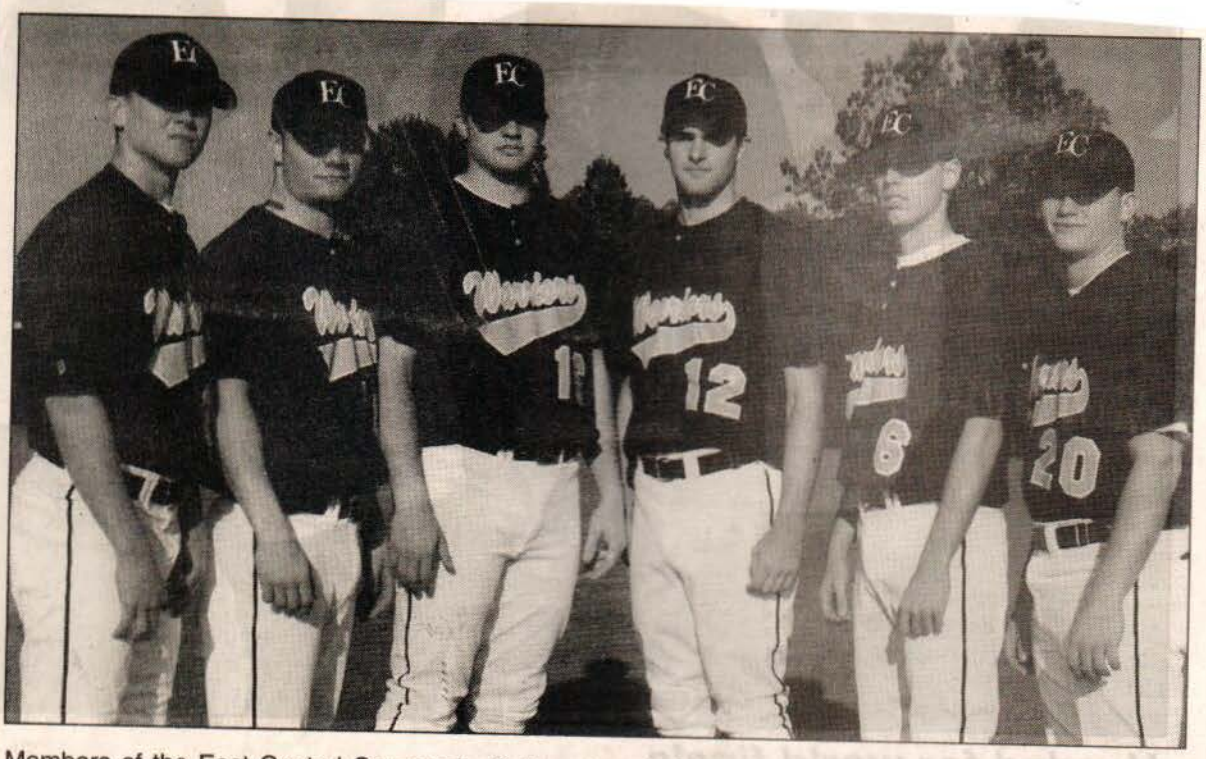
Jayeson McDonald (4-7) took the loss, allowing five runs on five hits and five walks in four-plus innings. He also struck out five.

Bo Edmiston (3-6) got the win.

EC finished 20-29, while Delta improved to 21-23.

"We told the guys on the bus coming over here that this would be a defining moment in our program because we felt like a lot of people would feel that because of the crushing loss on Thursday night that we might have had trouble getting ready to play," EC coach Jamie Clark said.

WEEK OF 5-15-2000



Members of the East Central Community College baseball team from Neshoba County are, from left, Justin Stovall, Josh Hardy, Justin Webb, Judson Nowell, Brent Page, and Spence Latimer. EC finished its 2000 season with a 20-29 record.

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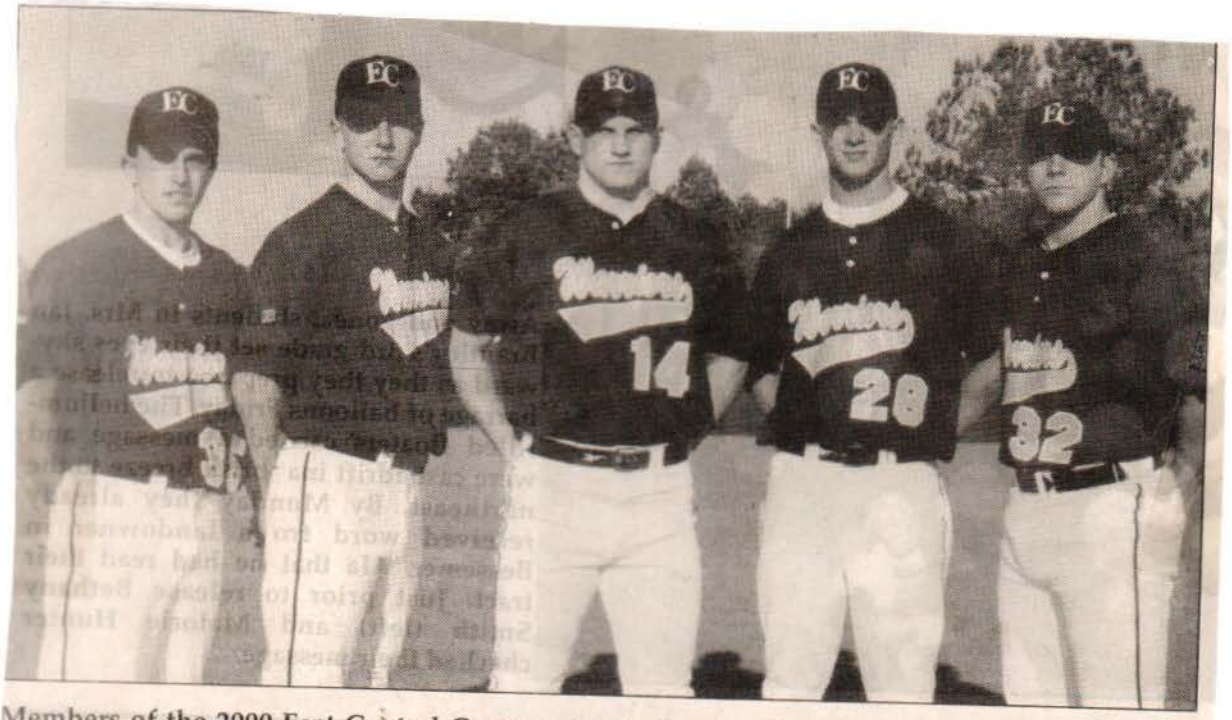

Members of the 2000 East Central Community College baseball team from Newton County are, from left, Jim Bob Stampley, Amos Thames, Chris Weems, Daniel Munn, and Toby Pinson. The Warriors finished their season with a 20-29 mark. Pinson was EC's lone selection to the All-Region 23 Team. He led the Warriors in batting average (.366) and tied for the team lead in doubles (11) and RBIs (25).

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WEEK OF May 29, 2000

Members of the East Central Community College Diamond Girls for 2000 are, front row from left, Marcie Wall, Shelby Withers, Jerri-Lynn Frey, Tomekia Bishop, Leanne Earls, Wendy Huff, Rebekah Franklin, (second row) Melissa Till, Heather Warren, Brandy Stokes, Ashley Vines, Jessi Pullin, Mary Katherine Gordon, Ashley McDill, Mandy Chaney, Kim Coghlan, (back row) Brandy Stone, Heather Hamilton, Jennie Bounds, Nikki Pearson, Carmen Germany, Gina Wall, Huellen Nutt, and Lisa Price. Not pictured are Amanda Harris, Allison Bailey, Bridgette Stamper, Ashley Jones, Holly Preston, Lindsey Hatcher, Spring Woods, Cassi Joiner, and Mary Clare Tranum. Lanette Hanna serves as sponsor.

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WEEK OF May 29, 2000

ECCC Baseball Awards

Recipients of various baseball team awards for the 2000 season have been selected at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Jamie Clark, Diamond Warrior head coach.

Sophomore outfielder Patrick Ferris of Clinton was named "Exemplary Player of the Year." Ferris batted .263 with two home runs, two triples and eight doubles. He also scored 27 runs and had 18 RBIs.

The most valuable player award went to freshman shortstop Brent Page of Philadelphia. Page, a former standout at Neshoba Central High school, batted .287 with five home runs and 24 RBIs.

Sophomore outfielder Toby Pinson of Little Rock was chosen outstanding offensive player. The Newton County Academy product hit .366 with two homers and 11 doubles. He collected 25 RBIs. Pinson was also selected All-Region 23 and All-State.

Freshman outfielder Kent Chamblee of Carthage was named outstanding defensive player. Chamblee, a former Leake Academy standout, played in 223 innings and posted a .971 fielding percentage. He also batted .336.

The most improved player award was presented to sophomore second baseman Spence Latimer of Philadelphia. Latimer hit .271 with seven doubles and 13 RBIs.

The most valuable person award went to manager Jesse Vanetten of Forest, a graduate of Scott Central High School.

Also recognized was freshman pitcher/third baseman Monty Migliacio of Plaquemine, La., who was chosen All-State. He posted a 5-5 mark on the mound and fanned 60 batters and walked 11. He had a 2.74 ERA.

East Central finished the season action with a 20-29 mark and qualified for Region 23 Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

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WEEK OF 6/12/00

Vanetten receives award as manager

East Central Community College baseball manager Jesse Vanetten of Forest received the most valuable person award following the Diamond Warriors' 2000 campaign. Vanetten, a product of Scott Central High School, was presented the award by head coach Jamie Clark at the annual Spring Sports Awards Cookout held at Turkey Creek Water Park. East Central completed season action with a 20-29 mark and qualified to compete in the Region 23 Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF July 17, 2000

Pinson to Henderson State

Toby Pinson

Although he was member of the East Central Community College baseball team for just one season, outfielder Toby Pinson of Little Rock certainly made his mark as a Diamond Warrior. Pinson, a transfer from Meridian Community College, led East Central in hitting and received various honors following the 2000 campaign.

Now the former Diamond Warrior standout has an opportunity to showcase his talents on the university level. Pinson (5'11", 203) has signed a national letter of intent with Henderson State University, Arkansas, a member of the western division of the Gulf South Conference.

Pinson, a product of Newton County Academy, completed the 2000 campaign with a .366 batting average, which included two home runs, 11 doubles and 25 RBIs. He was named to the All Region 23 and All-State squads, and was selected East Central's outstanding offensive player.

Jamie Clark, ECCC head baseball coach, said Pinson is "most deserving" of the accolades he has received.

"I am very proud of Toby for being able to extend his academic and baseball career. He had an opportunity to sign with larger colleges but he made a mature decision and decided to go to a place where they have a solid and upcoming program. He should be able to make an immediate impact at Henderson State," Clark said.

Clark added, "Toby was one of the hardest workers on our team and we never had to be concerned about him an any way - academics, citizenship or on the field. He was always a good representative of East Central Community College."

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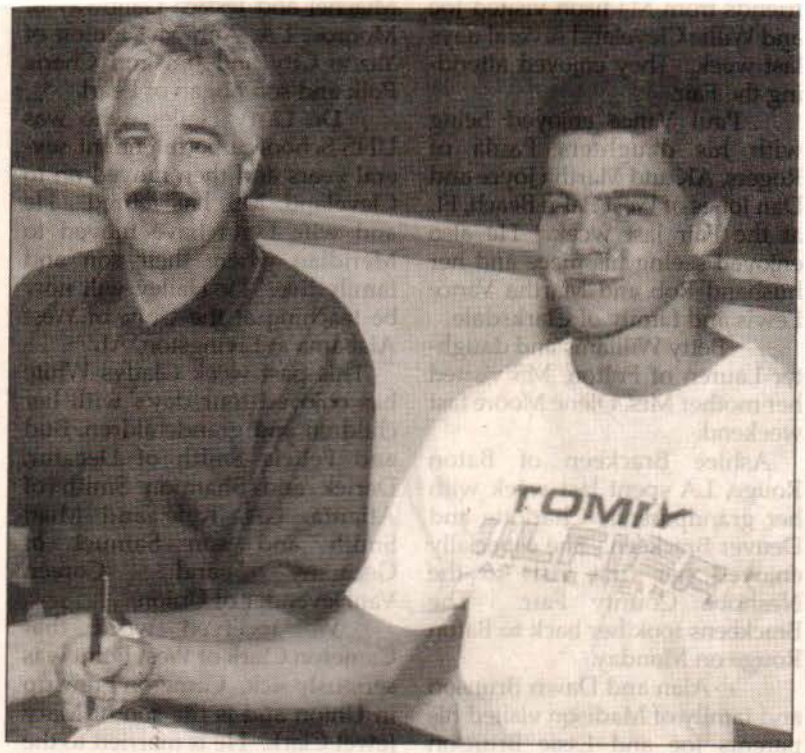

East Central Community College assistant football coach Timmy Coats, left, is shown assisting his son, Alan, an honor graduate of Newton County Academy, with his fall semester class schedule during the annual ECCC Honors Orientation. ECCC will hold its final orientation session on Saturday. Fall classes begin on Aug. 14. Alan will be a member of the ECCC Diamond Warriors.

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WEEK OF July 31, 2000

Blackwell signs ECCC baseball scholarship

Nanih Waiya's baseball standout Corey Blackwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Blackwell, has signed a national letter of intent to pitch at East Central Community College. A three-sport standout, Blackwell was named All-Division and received the Warriors Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. Seated left to right: Pam Blackwell, Corey Blackwell. Standing left to right: Bobby Bowman, Nanih Waiya baseball coach and Jamie Clark, ECCC baseball coach.

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WEEK OF 1-3-00

OPINIONS

Taking the lead

Tommy Malone heats up fire protection

There is a five-foot-10-inch reason that Leake County is pacing the state's 82 counties in rural fire protection and emergency readiness.

His name is Tommy Malone, the county's emergency management director since 1992, who also serves as county fire coordinator and director of E-911 services.

Malone, or Tommy as he is more popularly called, has never sought nor found a substitute for hard work in achieving a goal. Nor has he ever expected more commitment from a volunteer responder than he expended himself.

His leadership is amply packed with encouragement and residents across the county have marveled and applauded as the county's volunteer firemen and first responders continue to devote private time to improving their emergency skills. The results of this training has found fire insurance rates lowered on homes and businesses within a five-mile radius of some of the county's fire stations.

Malone's latest achievement is in becoming the first graduate of the fire protection technology program at East Central Community College.

It didn't come easy.

The study required night courses twice a week over a five-year period of time.

The fact that he chose to drive 80 miles twice a week after regular work hours to attend classes on the ECCC campus for five long years shows what kind of diligence and dedication Malone brings to his job and devotes to serving Leake countians.

The purpose of the now completed course is designed to help municipal and county fire department personnel meet standards and certification requirements.

All applicable information Malone learned during the past five years of technical study will, of course, be passed along to the volunteers in the county during their regular and special training sessions.

Leake County's fire protection and emergency readiness programs enter the year 2000 ready to meet the challenges and technology changes that the coming years will bring in our ever changing world.

With six brand new fire trucks stationed at volunteer community stations,

Another volunteer fire unit being organized in the Galilee community,

New fire stations under construction at Reformation and Edinburg,

Highly proficient firefighters ready to protect their neighbors, and

A prince of a man like Tommy Malone at the leadership helm,

We move into the new millennium confident and unafraid of what the future has in store. MTD

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WEEK OF 1-10-2000

ECCC announces testing dates for pre-admission-PN examination

Information packets are now available for students interested in applying for admission to the licensed practical nursing program or surgical technology program at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 2000-2001 term.

Testing dates for the pre-admission-PN examination have also been announced, with the first exam scheduled at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Additional tests will be administered at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 16, and at 9 a.m. Friday, May 26.

Cost for the examination is $30, with payment due on the chosen testing date.

For more information contact Maudean Sanders, assistant director of vocational-technical instruction, or Jimmy Dempsey, vo-tech counselor, at East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877 462-3222), ext. 210.

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WEEK OF 1-17-2000

Warriors honor Smith

Terry Underwood, left, head football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, recently presented retiring ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith with an autographed football signed by members of the Warrior staff and team. The presentation was made during the annual Awards Banquet held following the Warriors' successful 1999 campaign. In his remarks, Coach Underwood praised Dr. Smith for his support of the Warrior football program, which is recognized as "among the best" in the state. East Central advanced to the state playoffs this past season and finished the campaign with an 8-3 record. Dr. Smith, who has served as ECCC president since 1985, earlier announced plans to retire in June, 2000.

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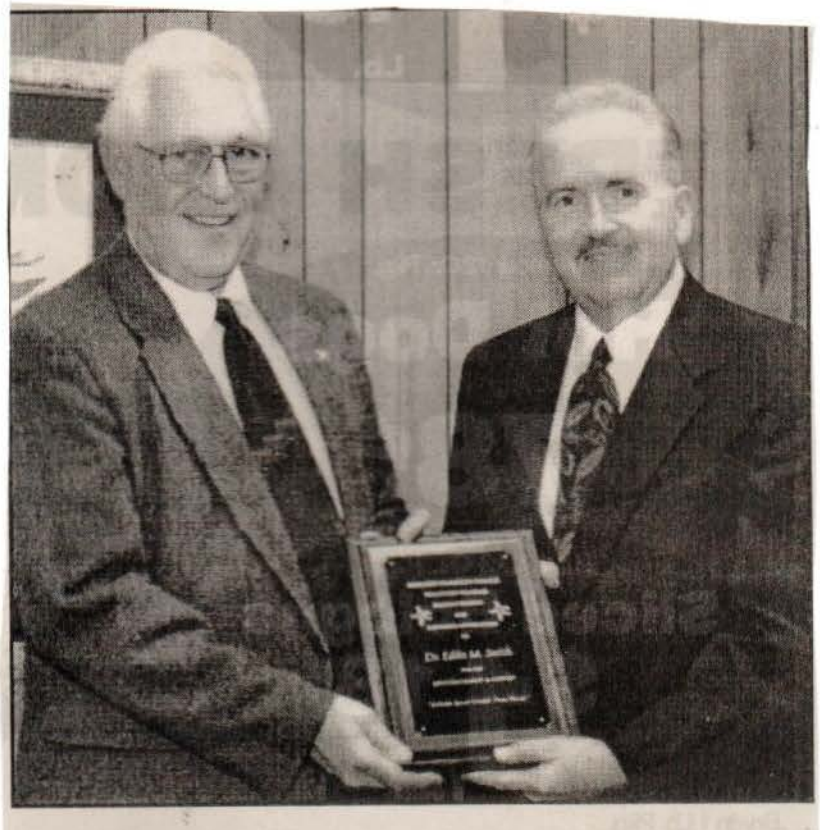

STATE OFFICIAL HONORS SMITH-Dr. Ned Lovell (left), division chair of educational leadership at Mississippi State University and coordinator for the Mississippi Community/Junior College Fellowship Program, recently presented retiring East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith with a plaque of appreciation for his support of the Fellowship Program. The MCCFP was established in 1994 and is sponsored by the Phil Hardin Foundation. Its purpose is to provide professional development in training community/junior college leaders fro the 21st Century. The award presentation was made on the Decatur campus during a luncheon attended by various ECCC "fellows" who have completed program requirements. Dr. Smith, who has served as ECCC president since 1985, earlier announced plans to retire in June, 2000. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-17-2000

ECCC begins fund drive to build new field house

DECATUR--Efforts are underway at East Central Community College in Decatur to raise $2.5 million to construct a field house for athletics, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Tax-deductible donations from alumni and friends of the College will be used to erect the new facility on the north end of campus between the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Complex and the Chris Gay IV Memorial Baseball Field. The 18,628 square-foot structure will include offices, classrooms, a conference room, weight room and a treatment room.

In making the announcement, Dr. Smith noted that the College's athletic programs "have developed to become some of the most respected in the community college league." He added, "We now field teams in intercollegiate football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, women's softball, rodeo, soccer, tennis, and golf. Through the regular college budget and with contributions to the Warrior Club, we have been able to equip and provide adequate facilities for these athletic programs."

"However," he continued, "a great need still exists. We need a spacious, up-to-date, well-equipped field house to accommodate our growing sports programs and to better attract outstanding student-athletes."

Brochures about the proposed field house will be sent to alumni and other friends of the College upon request. The donor who agrees to fund the entire facility will be able to specify the person or persons in whose honor or memory the building will be named.

To make a tax-deductible contribution or for more information, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 323, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

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WEEK OF 1-17-2000

ECCC ABC Certification

Six vocational-technical instructors at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently certified to deliver all levels of the National Associated Builders and Contractors "Wheels of Learning" curriculum to students in occupational programs and to employees seeking to engage in apprenticeship offerings. The apprenticeship program is available during the 2000 spring semester and is coordinated through the office of Work-Based Learning, a program which places students in jobs and gives them classroom credit at the same time.

Certified instructors include Jim Blackburn and James Clark, electronic instrumentation; John, electrical and electronic instrumentation; Gerald Jordan, American Welding Society (AWS Certification) Welding; Frederick Lyons, carpentry; and Lester Miles, heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Roger Whitlock, ECCC work-Based Learning coordinator, said, "An overwhelming demand from district contractors and other employers involved with Work-Based Learning at East Central helped to initiate the certification of these instructors. We responded to the direction of contractors in our district and coordinated this certification through the Mississippi Associated Builders and Contractors office.

"Our students are in a p tion to get a better quality structional preparation, er in a nationally recognized prenticeship program and p ress through a contra designed educational proces they pursue an AAS degree certificate program. Cont tors can also enroll current ployees in the apprentices program at ECCC."

Triplett Electric of Lo ville, Quality Electric of D tur, Weyerhaeuser Corpora and A&B Electric of Meric are active business part with the college and have sisted in directing instructi emphasis, upgrading the v tional-technical laborato and making solid career op tunities available to stud graduating from the college.

Fro more information ab the apprenticeship or Work-Based Learning p grams, contact Whitlock ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Deca MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. or toll free 1-877-462-3222, 305.

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WEEK OF 24-00

ECCC ENDOWS NEWSOME SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship honoring the memory of a former faculty member was recently endowed at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The Stella Weathersby Newsome Sholarships pays tribute to the longtime literature instructor who served the college from its beginning in 1928 until her retirement in 1958.

In addition to being recognized for her distinguished teaching career, Newsome is regarded a one of the founders of then East Central Junior College, which was established in 1928. She was requested by Governor Theodore Bilbo to assist in efforts to establish ECJC in Decatur.

She and the late Robert Marshall were the College's only faculty members during that initial year. She also served in various other capacities during her 30-year tenure. She directed plays, served as sponsor of the Wesley Foundation and is credited with establishing the first chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

Newsome Hall, a dormitory for female students constructed at East Central in 1957 and later renovated in 1989, is named in her honor. The dormitory, originally constructed as a facility for women, is now used to house male students. She was also honored by Salem College, which awarded her an honorary doctorate in 1955. Mrs Newsome died in 1966.

The scholarship drive was started in the spring of 1998 by Marion Francis of Jackson, a granddaughter of Mrs. Newsome. During her childhood, Ms Francis often visited with Mrs. Newsome on the ECCC campus. Ms Francis serves as executive director of the Jackson/Hinds Library System.

The initial effort to raise the first $10,000 needed to minimally endow the scholarship was completed during the recent homecoming celebration. However, contributions are still being accepted and may be sent to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, P O Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

The scholarship has been designated for "nontraditional" students, those who are 23 years of age or older. Recipients must also have at least a "c" or 2.0 grade point average on all previously completed course work.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, P O Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext204, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext.204.

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WEEK OF 1-24-2000

ECCC plans new field house

The Board of Directors for the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., recently met on the Decatur campus to discuss plans to seek donations to construct a $2.5 million field house for athletics. The proposed 18,628 square-foot facility will be located on the north end of campus between the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Complex and the Chris Gay IV Memorial Baseball Field. Members also heard updates on various items, including the efforts to have portraits made of individuals and placed in buildings that bear his/her name, and the recent endowment of The Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent Scholarship, named in honor of the former ECCC president and his wife. Pictured are (seated, from left) George Taylor, Forest; Van Lucas and Dr. John Gipson, both of Newton; David Howell, chairman, of Carthage; and Ann Burkes, ECCC head librarian, and (standing, from left) ECCC personnel Randall E. Lee, dean of students; Mickey Vance, business manager; Sammy Pace (special guest), athletic director and women's head basketball coach; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president; Stacey Hollingsworth, administrative assistant to the director of development and alumni relations; and Larry Hogue, director of development and alumni relations. Not pictured are Dr. Pam Kirk, vice chairman, of Louisville; and Prentice Copeland, Chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees, Jimmy Prince and Nell Allen Rogers, all of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF 1-24-00

Certified at EC

These East Central Community College instructors recently received certification to deliver the National Association Builders and Contractors "Wheels of Learning" curriculum. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jim Blackburn, electronic instrumentation; John Everett, electrical and electronic instrumentation; and Frederick Lyons, carpentry; and (standing, from left) James Clark, electronic instrumentation; Gerald Jordan, American Welding Society (AWS Certification) Welding; and Lester Miles, heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

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WEEK OF 1-31-00

★Ageless hero

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Association .

Mrs. Graham quit school at age 16 to follow her heart by marrying her high school sweetheart, Dow Graham.

She settled into life as a devoted preacher's wife, and stated she never minded the sacrifice, perhaps, because she knew she would some day return to the classroom.

And 65 years later she did return to school, as a 74-year-old seeking a General Education Development (GED) diploma.

Less than three months after enrolling in adult basic education classes on the Decatur campus of East Central Community College, Mrs. Graham earned her diploma and set her sights on another goal - a college degree.

She admitted it was not easy being a 75-year-old freshman in a class filled mostly with teenagers, especially when her first course involved computers.

But bolstered by her family's faith in her abilities and the admiration of her much younger classmates, Mrs. Graham became the oldest person to receive a degree in the history of the College.

And it was a degree with honors.

She was earlier inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, and became the oldest member ever inducted into a Mississippi chapter.

When asked to offer words of advice, Mrs. Graham made the following comment: "Turn your life over to God and be sweet and helpful to people."

Her advice is obviously the philosophy by which she lives, as well.

For three years she has driven over 40 miles a day twice each week to help students enrolled in East Central's adult basic education program, achieve their dreams.

And, regarding her role as a senior citizen, she stated: " I look at aging as a wonderful time to be a light to the younger generation.

They need us older people as role models.

These are the golden years and we should try to make them the best ever."

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Lorene Graham visits with East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith following her selection as a Mississippi "Ageless Hero." Since receiving her diploma from ECCC at age 77 in May 1996, Mrs. Graham has helped others achieve their education goals by serving as one of the College's adult basic education instructors. Mrs. Graham received her GED at age 75. She is married to the Rev. Dow Graham, pastor of the White Plains Holiness Assembly.

Mrs. Lorene Graham named 'Ageless Hero'

She received her GED diploma at age 75.

She graduated with honors from East Central Community College at age 77.

And since that time, 81-year-old Lorene Graham of Conehatta continues to serve as an inspiration to students young and old by helping others receive an education.

In recognition of her inspirational achievements as a senior citizen, Mrs. Graham, who has taught Adult Basic Education classes for ECCC since her graduation in May, 1996, is being recognized as a Mississippi Ageless Hero.

The great grandmother is among 24 honorees invited to attend the annual Mississippi Ageless Heroes Awards Luncheon scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg.

Today Show veteran Willard Scott will serve as keynote

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi sponsors the Mississippi Ageless Heroes program in an effort to spotlight the accomplishments of senior citizens, age 65 and over, in six categories: Community Involvement, Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New Beginnings and Vitality.

Six "heroes" are chosen from each of the northern, central and southern regions of Mississippi, and another six heroes represent the state as a whole.

In addition to Mrs. Graham, who was selected in the "Love of Learning" category, other statewide heroes from central Mississippi include Woodie Assaf, Community Involvement, and Thalia Mara, Creativity, both of Jackson.

Regional winners are Louie Finch of Louisville, Community Involvement; Alex Loeb of Meridian, Creativity; Patsy Toney of Shubuta, Good Neighbor; Bob Kochtitzky of Jackson, Love of Learning; Thomas H. Bowen, Jr. of Port Gibson, New Beginnings; and Elzena Johnson of Terry, Vitality.

Richard J. Hale, president of chief executive officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, commented, "Ageless heroes demonstrate how today's seniors are changing the face of aging - from overcoming handicaps to serve others to embracing new challenges in their retirement years."

Hale continued, "Their example teaches us it's possible to excel at any age.

By staying active and continuing to pursue their dreams and goals, they've proven that growing older is more about opportunities than limitations."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi will donate $7500 to charities selected by the heroes, in their honor.

Mrs. Graham selected Wayne Ray's Missionary Outreach, a mission group working in Haiti, to receive the funds.

In addition, names of the six

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Attend Counselor's Workshop at ECCC

Cathryn Stokes (left), a counselor at Nanih Waiya and Noxapater schools, was among area school personnel who attended the annual District Counselors' Workshop held at East Central Community College in Decatur. At right is Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor. Items presented during the one-day meeting included information regarding academic transfer and health-related programs, vocational-technical programs, admission standards and requirements, and scholarships. A panel discussion on "High School to College Transition" was presented by members of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students how assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various college events and activities.

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Portrait of a president

Arno Vincent and his wife, Ruth, with Mr. Vincent's portrait now on display at ECCC.

Vincent portrait unveiled at ECCC

Former East Central Community College President Arno Vincent and his wife, Ruth, of Meridian, visited East Central Community College recently to to see Mr. Vincent's portrait go on display in the lobby of the college Administration Building.

The Administration Building was recently named in Vincent's honor.

Vincent served as East Central's president from 1953 to 1962. He began his employment at the college in 1947, serving in numerous capacities, including assistant football coach, head basketball coach, math teacher, registrar and dean of students prior to his selection as the college's third president.

Fundraising efforts are continuing to place portraits of individuals in whose honor buildings on the campus have been named. Contributions may be sent to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, PO Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, or call toll-free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 323.

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Community colleges concerned about $17.5M budget cut

By Michael Stewart

The Meridian Star

Economic development and education shared the spotlight Tuesday morning at East Mississippi Business Development Corporation's "Business Before Hours" meeting at the Holiday Inn Express.

Dr. Olon Ray, executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges gave a "state of the system" report on Mississippi's 15 public community colleges, and responded to questions from an audience of more than 100 people.

Mississippi's community colleges offer "our state's best chance for extricating itself from a situation with so many educational inadequacies. To provide opportunity and access... we'll take on almost any educational task," Ray said.

"Statewide community college enrollments this fall exceeded 127,000, a headcount representing over 64,000 full-time equivalent students."

Noting enrollment growth and expanding training demands, Ray said the $17.5 million budget cuts for community colleges recommended by the Legislative Budget Office will create "a severe financial crisis."

In response to questions, Ray said the proposed cut $17.5 million represents 9 percent of state community co lege funding. He noted the bu get office's recommendatio for public education reflect slight increase and the reco mendation for Institutions Higher Education called for slight decrease.

"Folks, we are talking abo all 15 districts cutting co operating expenses such lights, salaries, basic maint nance," he said. "This is a crisis."

State community college funding, the University of South Mississippi's coast expansion, workforce training and the Meridian Public Schools requested bond issue drew the most questions.

Ray was critical of plans to expand the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park

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Campus to include first- and second-year college courses. He said, "Look around the nation. The trend is not to create universities. Junior colleges are expensive. Universities are very expensive.

"We're reslicing the pie. The pie's not getting any bigger, We're looking at a $17.5 million reduction this year in the Legislature for our budget. How many more times can we reslice the pie?" he said.

"We are in the business of creating access to education for people. As graduates of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, my brother and I were the first in our family to attend college. And I mean the first all the way back to Ireland. I am one of those Mississippians well-served by our community colleges," Ray said.

EMBDC chairman Hoot Gipson appealed to the membership to support the Meridian Public Schools request for passage of a $33.5 million bond issue.

Ray noted that Biloxi, a district he once served as superintendent, has authorization of $63 million for "rebuilding that public school system."

"Biloxi is not that much different from Meridian. They are making a major statement about the priorities of that community. Your public schools are a statement of what your values are," he said.

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College leaders fear cuts, unfunded programs

JACKSON (AP) — If state finances don't improve, money will be short for student financial aid, a proposed four-year university on the coast and more college classes in the Delta, college leaders said.

Money woes were on the minds of university presidents who met Tuesday with legislative budget writers.

The eight public colleges would have $13 million less to spend next year under a proposed spending plan. Higher Education Commissioner Tom Layzell said the money is needed for projects that have already been started.

"Without that, we're starting behind the line as we move into 2001," Layzell told the House Appropriations Committee. "It will have a very serious impact on our universities."

The College Board wants $2 million to expand the University of Southern Mississippi on the Gulf Coast, $500,000 for a college center in Greenville and $4.6 million for financial help for students.

Also being sought that is not in the proposed budget is $2.7 million for programs at historically black universities related to the 25-year-old lawsuit to end segregation in higher education.

"We hope the economy improves and we can get the funding we need," Mississippi Valley President Lester Newman said. "Any cut is always painful."

A final spending plan will be finalized this spring.

Universities have begun programs with surplus money that is not expected next year because of tax shortfalls. Layzell said the $20 million had been used for faculty pay raises, new instructor positions and programs for historically black colleges.

Without that money, college leaders would have to cut other budgets to fulfill salary promises.

"We're pretty lean," said Delta State University President David Potter, who like the other presidents was anxious to avoid cuts.

He said universities have benefitted from recent budget surpluses and "you've got a system that's turned the corner and made great strides — there's always a danger of losing that."

Appropriations Committee chairman Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland, said lawmakers were also worried about the future of the colleges but would be restricted by finances.

"I'm deeply concerned. We're going to do the best we can for all of education," he said.

College Board President Ricki Garrett said two top priorities are money for the USM-Gulf Coast campus and the education center in Greenville.

"The funding for both of those is questionable," she said.

The state's junior colleges have sued the university system over the expansion plans at the USM campus in Long Beach.

"I have the strongest disdain for two agencies suing each other," said Rep. Mike Eakes, D-Philadelphia, who compared the suit a fight between two brothers.

"We're not suing anybody," responded Layzell.

Community colleges contend that there are enough educational opportunities now on the coast.

Layzell said there are needs in Greenville and on the coast.

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McCurdy honored by ECCC

Scott County Superintendent of Education Frank McCurdy (right) of Morton was recently honored for his service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. McCurdy, who served eight years, is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia.

Marcus Lee also signs with East Central

Forest Bearcat Marcus Lee has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. Lee, a running back and defensive back for Forest was part of a contingent of players signed by East Central on national signing day last Wednesday. Lee was joined at the signing by his parents Lester and Patricia Patrick and Forest Football coach Jack French.

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from within, but not of the utmost importance," Copeland said. "Even though we wound up with a man in the system, we feel like we did the right thing by going out and opening it up to people outside."

He said the interview process really opened some eyes on the search committee.

"The community colleges of this state are in good hands and will be for a number of years," he said. "This was confirmed during our interview process."

Sutphin and Copiah-Lincoln Community College administrator Dr. Paul Johnson were the two finalists for the position, and both were interviewed by the full board on Tuesday, with a vote being taken less than 20 minutes before the formal announcement was made.

Longtime East Central President Dr. Eddie Smith resigned his position on June 29, 1999, effective June 30, 2000.

Sutphin said he felt one of the pluses he had during ECCC's search for a new president was his knowledge of the school and its needs.

"I think that is very important in the case of East Central Community College," he said. "As I indicated, we have been growing tremendously over the last several years — new programs, new students, new direction of the college in workforce training. The fact that we've been involved in those means that we won't see a slowdown come July 1. We will co doing what we've been then move on to the next s

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New leader for ECCC...

Austin Bishop/The Meridian Star

NEW PRESIDENT – Dr. Phil Sutphin addresses the media and board members Tuesday after being chosen as East Central Community College's new president.

Board of trustees names Sutphin as new president

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — East Central Community College didn't have far to go to find its seventh president.

After a final interview and vote by the ECCC Board of Trustees on Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Phil Sutphin was introduced as the two-year school's new leader.

"This is a goal of mine since I really began teaching at Meridian (high school) several years ago (1970)," Sutphin said. "All of the professional positions I have held have been those that have put me in good position to learn as much I could to provide leadership to an institution

school's dean of instruction, a position he has held since 1991.

"The other reason I wanted to pursue this job is that I have been here for 12 years and I've invested time in East Central Community College," Sutphin said. "I have seen the growth of the college over that period of time. I know what kind of people work at East Central Community College and the pride they take in what they do and I wanted to be a continuing part of that growth."

ECCC Board Chairman Prentice Copeland said that despite having such a strong candidate on campus, the board determined it was important to check out all of its options before making a

Sutphin bio:

Age: 53
Family: Married, two children.
Current employment: Dean of Instruction at East Central Community College.
Educational employment history: ECCC, 1991-present; Concord College, Athens, VA. 1980-88; University of Memphis, 1977-1980; Meridian Public Schools, 1970-77.
Education: Ed.D., University [illegible] Memphis, 1977-1987; M.A.T., [illegible] State University, [illegible] sissippi State University [illegible]

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East Central expected to pick president toda

By Andy Kanengiser
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

Administrators at East Central Community College and Copiah-Lincoln Community College are the two finalists for East Central's presidency with a decision expected this afternoon.

The new president will succeed retiring East Central President Eddie Smith, who is stepping down June 30.

The finalists are:

■ Phil Sutphin, 53, dean of instruction at Decatur-based East Central and the college's former dean of students. He's been an administrator at the college since 1988.

■ Paul D. Johnson, 44, dean of the college at Wesson-based Copiah-Lincoln. He is a former high school coach and former men's basketball coach at Copiah-Lincoln.

"They are both viable candidates," said Smith, 56, who is retiring after leading his alma mater for 15 years.

Smith said he's staying out of the presidential selection and doesn't have a favorite. "That's the board's responsibility."

It will be a tough choice to make, said board chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, a retired school superintendent. "Either one would make a great president."

East Central's Board of Trustees is also expected to set the salary for the new president today. Smith receives a salary of $120,000 annually.

Sutphin and Johnson were among 17 applicants for the job. The group included five out-of-state prospects, Smith said.

The two finalists will be interviewed by the school's 30-member board starting at 2 p.m. today. A decision is expected to be announced at 4 p.m. at the campus, Copeland said.

The 2,300-student college district includes Newton, Neshoba, Scott, Leake and Winston counties.

Sutphin is the son of a college president. His father, Felix Sutphin, is a retired president of Wood College in Mathiston. He received bachelor's and master's degrees at Mississippi State University and a doctorate at the University of Memphis.

A native of Mount Olive, Johnson is a graduate of Jones County Junior College and Belhaven College in Jackson. He received a master's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Johnson and Sutphin coul be reached Monday.

"Both are very capable indi als and would do an excellent East Central," said Hinds Co nity College President Clyde an East Central alumnus.

Smith will leave big shoes school supporters say. "He's d great job. I appreciate the q institution he's led there," said. "Either one would step do a good job as well."

Enrollment has steadily at East Central during S tenure. The college is comp construction of new facil including a student center in Smith's honor.

Smith plans to live i Decatur area after he retires.

"We're losing a good Copeland said. "Dr. Smit done a tremendous job for us

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need a new Baptist Student Union.

"When I got there, I knew it," said Vaughn, who became the East Central BSU Director in 1995.

"That's a good problem to have, but we had it," he said.

Many of the meetings in the old facility forced cramped situations, something that Vaughn said would be alleviated with the new 5,200-square foot structure.

But Vaughn said he is seeking much more than comfort.

"I believe it will help us increase our ministry and touch more young people, that is what is really important," he said.

Vaughn said in the five years he has been at ECCC that 23 people had accepted the call to the ministry and more than 300 salvations had been recorded.

"We are very excited about the things we are doing," he said. Vaughn said the students are excited about the new building going up, but are disappointed that many of them won't have a chance to meet in it.

Some of the BSU's programs, such as the weekly Wednesday luncheon, are being held at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church near the college, while other meetings are being held at various places on campus.

The new building will have a large meeting room, a conference room, work room, two offices and a commercial-type kitchen.

Vaughn said the new center would seat 200 people and could accommodate a total of 350 at any one time.

The plans to construct the building began about three years ago and that's when a fund drive began.

Area churches and individuals have made donations, and when the amount neared $100,000 Vaughn decided to begin construction.

"We have had volunteers come out and help us," he said. "We will be done with the exterior soon, and then can move on to the interior."

Vaughn said they only have $25,000 in funds remaining and will have to stop construction when that money runs out.

"We are counting on people to step up and help us," Vaughn said. "I encourage anyone who has ever gone to East Central or who has had a student involved with the BSU or who just loves God to give us a hand. It really is for a great cause."

Vaughn stressed that the BSU, which is being constructed to be look similar to the buildings on the ECCC campus, is not just for Southern Baptists.

"It's for anyone who wishes to come. It doesn't matter about race, class, economic status or domination."

Those wishing to donate money to the building fund can contact Vaughn at 635-2481 or 635-4770.

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ECCC's Baptist Student Union 'a long time coming'

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — As far as Scott Vaughn is concerned, the construction of the new Baptist Student Union across the street from East Central Community College has been a long time coming.

"We were just too big for that old house we were meeting in," said Vaughn of the 65-year-old wood structure that made its home on Broad Street at the edge of the ECCC campus.

The house was sold and construction on a new $225,000 brick structure began that is expected to open by May.

"We are still raising the money, so we are going on faith," Vaughn said. He said more than $100,000 has been raised and construction would continue as long as the money holds out.

"I have faith that we are going to get it done," Vaughn said. "God is good."

It didn't take Vaughn long to realize ECCC was going to

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PLANS – ECCC Baptist Student Union director Scott Vaughn looks over plans with volunteer Bobby Kirby and Pete Shepher for the new building under construction on the Decatur campus

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Phil Sutphin is ECCC's 7th president

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin will become East Central Community College's seventh president, the board of trustees has decided.

Sutphin, 53, beat out Paul D. Johnson, dean of the college at Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Sutphin will succeed Dr. Eddie Smith, 56, on July 1. Smith announced his plans for retirement earlier in the school year. Smith plans on staying in the Decatur area. He has led the college since 1985.

Sutphin has served as the college's dean of instruction since 1991. He began his employment at East Central in 1988, when he was chosen dean of students. He is a former social science teacher at Meridian High School and served as an adjunct instructor at Meridian Community College and Concord College.

The new college leader will receive a salary of $105,000 and will include a housing allowance.

Sutphin holds a bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and a doctorate from the University of Memphis. His father, Felix Sutphin, also served as a college president, leading Wood College in Mathiston from 1957 to 1987.

Smith leaves a legacy that included raising the enrollment from about 1,200 students to more than 2,300.

Sutphin and his wife Peggy, an elementary school teacher with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians at Conehatta, have two sons, Brad and Brent. The 18-year-olds are attending nearby Newton County High School.

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Building things part of Lyons' li

Building things is a part of Frederick Lyons' life and has been for quite some time.

When he was in high school at Neshoba Central High School Lyons began to do some carpentry work with family members and continued at the trade when he graduated.

Now at the age of 39 he does two type of building. He teaches carpentry and cabinet making at East Central Community College and also coaches the defensive line for the school's football team.

"I really enjoy them both," said Lyons who is also a dorm supervisor. "I am very pleased with what I am doing right now and hope to be doing it for a long time."

Though both carpentry and football have been a part of Lyons' life for a long time, his future wasn't always so certain.

The lifelong resident of Neshoba County's Stallo community like many other athletes had dreamed of playing football on Sundays in the fall.

"I thought I was going to play in the pros," said Lyons, laughing out loud to himself. "But it didn't turn out like that."

After graduating from Neshoba Central Lyons decided to go right to work in the carpentry business. He joined the National Guard and after basic training, decided to give the East Central coach Ken Tanner a call.

Lyons had graduated in 1978 and didn't make the call until the spring of 1980.

"I wanted to know if I could still play," Lyons said. "I told him that I was in pretty good shape. He said that if I would walk on in the fall and if I made it he would give me that scholarship. So that's what I did."

Lyons went on to play defensive line for ECCC for two years.

He was 205 pounds and stood 6-feet-tall. "I was a big one, wasn't I?" said Lyons, again laughing out loud at his own words. "I played both ways my first year and then moved over to just defense."

Lyons is quick to admit that the junior college game has changed a lot since he played.

"The athletes are just so much better," Lyons admitted. "So many of these guys have so much potential and are so good."

He said a lot of that had to do with the NCAA guidelines, which forced many outstanding athletes to the junior college route for their first two years of college.

"That really has made a difference," he said. "And Mississippi has the best junior college football in the country. We really do. There are 14 teams and in any year most of them can be good and some of them can be real good."

When Lyons first came to ECCC as an instructor in 1988 it was to teach the carpentry class.

"I took carpentry when I was at East Central and I always had it in my mind that I wouldn't mind teaching this class here one day," he said. "I just really love EC, it's a great place."

When he first arrived on campus the head football coach was A. J. Kilpatrick.

"We had talked some about me helping the football team, but it never really worked out," Lyons said. "He told me one time he thought he might have a part time position, but it just never happened."

After Kilpatrick left, Lyons began to talk to Reese Bridgman, who allowed Lyons to help the team, but it was strictly on a volunteer basis. That worked out fine in 1992 and 1993, but Lyons decided not to coach in 1994.

Then Willie Coats took over as the head coach and approached Lyons about a part time position.

"I told him I would love it and I've been coaching ever since then," Lyons said.

Lyons says he enjoys both of his jobs and most of all likes working with the young people.

"When you can help young people improve themselves in whatever it is they are doing, it is a very reward-

Frederick Lyons

ing experience and that is what I enjoy," he said.

Lyons said that he does have a lot of free time these days.

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and since that time, we have been seriously seeking donations. One anonymous donor gave a significant contribution to really 'get the ball rolling,'" Vaughn said.

Approximately $100,000 of the $220,000 needed has been raised, Vaughn said. "The foundation and the plumbing work were contracted out and the rest of the work has been done by men and women in the area who volunteered their services. When the money runs out, we will have to stop construction until we raise more funds," he said.

Any money donated to the BSU goes directly to the building fund or ministry programs, Vaughn said. "None of the money goes toward salaries, which are paid by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board."

The new 5,200 square foot building will consist of a large meeting room, two offices, a large commercial kitchen, a conference room, a work room, a storage room and a smaller meeting room. The center will seat approximately 200 people and can accommodate u p to 350. Future plans also include a small parking area on the back side of the property.

"The East Central BSU is a campus ministry that holds worship services, Bible studies, and mission trips," Vaughn said. "We also have a Lunch Encounter every Wednesday, where students can receive a free lunch and hear a short devotion. IN addition, we have ministry teams that include drama and music in their programs and we hold revival services each year in cooperation with the ECCC Fellowship of Christian Athletes."

Vaughn also describes the BSU as "a little taste of heaven on campus." The BSU is not just for Southern Baptists, he said--it's for anyone who wants to visit, regardless of race, class, economic status or religious denomination.

The completion date for the new center is May 1--if the funds are secured. "I challenge all former BSU members to donate to the building project," Vaughn said.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the ECCC Baptist Student Union Building Fund may contact Vaughn at 635-2481.

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Baptist Student Union under construction

When Baptist Student Union Director Scott Vaughn came to Decatur in 1995, the 65-plus-year-old house where students met was already too small for the number of young people involved in BSU activities.

"With approximately 150 students involved regularly in BSU and some 500 involved in some type of BSU function each year, there simply was not enough room for everyone," said Vaughn. "And with the growing college enrollment, there is more student involvement each year."

The answer was a new BSU building.

The 19-member BSU advisory board, which consists of citizens from the five-county district, met with Vaughn three years ago to discuss plans for a new BSU center.

"At that time, plans were made to begin putting money aside for a new building. Area churches were asked to donate

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BSU director Scott Vaughn, left, looks over plans with carp Bobby Kirby, center, and contractor Pete Shepherd.

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Work Goes On at BSU Center... Robert Hamilton of Meridian sizes a board he is preparing to cut on East Central Community College's Baptist Student Union. Hamilton is part of a group of volunteers from State Boulevard Baptist Church working on the new building.

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ECCC to Open Fitness Center

With $10,000 worth of Nautilus equipment donated by La-Z-Boy South, Inc., East Central Community College will open a Fitness Center located in Founders' Gymnasium on the Decatur campus. The center will be open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with women only allowed to use the facility from 5 -7 p.m.

Access to the center will be free to faculty and students of the College. The community will be allowed to use the center from February through May 31 for a $20 fee.

For a tour of the facility or for more information contact Joe Killens at 635-2111, est 213, or Mike Anderson, 635-2111, ext 249-301.

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Heart and Hand, Inc., of Brandon, recently presented a donation to East Central Community College for one endowed and three annual scholarships for students in the College's gerontology program. Shown during the check presentation are (from left) ECCC gerontology instructor Mary Boulton, Heart and Hand executive director Yvonne Gallaher Laird, Chairman of the Heart and Hand Board of Directors Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton, and College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. (EC Photo)

Heart and Hand establishes ECCC scholarships

Heart and Hand, Inc., of Brandon recently established four scholarships for gerontology majors at East Central Community College.

A non-profit organization, Heart and Hand, Inc., promotes programs for senior citizens age 55 and over and helps provide educational opportunities for those preparing for careers in gerontology, the comprehensive study of aging and the challenges that face the aged. East Central established the first community college in Mississippi in gerontology in 1998.

One scholarship has been edowed with a $10,000 donation; the other three, valued at $1,000, are funded annually and are named in honor of Yvonne Gallaher Laird of Morton, Heart and Hand executive director; and Heart and Hand board members Jane Rainey Holbrook of Ripley and Elberta Crowson Phillips of Columbus.

To be eligible for the Heart and Hand scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

•Be a Mississippi resident, with preference given to those who reside in the Heart and Hand nine-county service area which includes Clarke, Jasper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith counties;

•Have a minimum 2.5 high school grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale;

•Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA the first semester of study in order to be eligible for the scholarship the second semester; and

•Plan to attend an annual Heart and Hand board meeting in Jackson in November of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the College Scholarship Committee. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, telephone 635-2111, ext. 375, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 375, or email at <rlee@eccc.cc.ms.us.>.

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J. W. "Bill" Underwood

J. W. Underwood to speak at ECCC

Scott County native J. W. "Bill" Underwood, author of *Making Decisions*, will speak at East Central Community College on Thursday, Feb. 24. The special program begins at 10:40 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Underwood is the former Chairman of the Board for J. W. Underwood & Company, a successful real estate business he founded in 1948.

The company has constructed more than 7,000 homes while designing and developing 25 different communities that span some 6,000 acres.

He is also the former chairman and principal owner of Homestead Savings and Loan and Underwood Insurance Agency, which he later sold. In addition, he previously served as Chairman of the Board for Underwood Investment Company, Underwood Homes and Underwood Development Company. A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Underwood attended Draughn's Business College in Memphis, and served four years in the Navy during World War II.

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ECCC BOARD OFFICERS - Recently elected to serve as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (from left) Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, chairman; Jack Winstead of Lawrence, vice chairman; and Jerry Nance of Louisville, secretary. Copeland and Nance are beginning their third two-year terms in office while Winstead is serving his first term.

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model for other two- and four-year colleges and universities," Smith said.

Other goals have been met--and exceeded--as well.

"Our current enrollment varies from 800 to 900, but we're not nearly meeting the potential we have. For next year (1986-87), I have a goal of 1,000 full-time students," Dr. Smith said in an interview for *The Newton Record* in July 1985 shortly after he assumed his duties as ECCC president.

Fourteen years later, in the fall of 1999, the enrollment was 2,226.

One of the most important changes at ECCC probably has been the enhancement of the school's image in the district and state, and much of that has been due to greater emphasis on public relations.

"When I came here, we had a secretary responsible for PR," Smith said. "As soon as we could, we employed a PR director, Bubby Johnston, and since have added an assistant and a secretary in that department."

A PR task force was set up to study everything that could be done to enhance the image of the college. "It took several years, but now we are viewed as one of the outstanding junior colleges, not just in the state, but in the region," Smith said.

No list of changes, improvements and accomplishments could be completely comprehensive, but a few of the high points might include:

• The college has completely revamped its student assessment program. Students are tracked by computer, and if their grades or attendance begin to slip, the school intervenes to see how the student can be helped.

• Starting from scratch, the school developed a very functional manual to address the college's policies and procedures.

• A summer orientation program was developed so students on a designated "registration day." Most of registration is complete before the semester even begins.

• State funding has increased dramatically for the college. "When I came here, if you drew the funding share for all 15 community colleges in the state as a pie chart, East Central was receiving about 1 percent of the pie," Smith said. "One of my objectives was to increase our percentage of that. It is now 4.3 percent--it has almost quadrupled the amount of state money we receive. Of course, that doesn't include the normal increases through the years."

• The college in 1996 employed a full-time director of of development of alumni relations. "Since then, we have raised in excess of $1.2 million for institutional advancement from non-public funds," Smith said.

• The hiring process was restructured so that a committee chairperson makes recommendations for hiring personnel to the dean, the dean makes recommendations to the president and the president to the board. "We have not wavered from this system even under pressure from other sources to hire this or that person, and this has really paid off. We have one of the finest groups of faculty and administrators you could put together," Smith said.

• The college has expanded its offerings. When Smith became the president in 1985, the school had no health-related programs. Today, offerings include registered nurse, gerontology, licensed practical nurse, surgical technician and medical records technology.

• Building programs in recent years have added such new structures to the campus as a female dorm and student union building.

• "We have one of the most respected athletic programs in the state, even compared to districts with many more students than we have," Smith said.

At the close of the July 1985 ciation, and more. There are, in fact, more changes planned than could possibly be reviewed in one interview."

In February 2000, it is obvious that those plans have been realized, and thatgoals reached in the past 15 years represent more accomplishments than could possibly be reviewed in one last interview.

Despite the end of this era, Smith said he has enjoyed being the president of ECCC. There have been one or two opportunities to do something else, "But there was never anything that came along that I wish I had taken," he said. "I'm glad to have spent the past 15 years here, but I think 15 years is plenty long enough."

The Smiths own some property near Decatur that is "a little off the beaten path." He has hobbies to keep him busy, and he and his wife are planning some travel. "I have n immediate plans for employ ment," he said.

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reviewed and revised," Smith said. "All 15 of them would be considered major undertakings for any institution. We have developed and fine-tuned and honed all of these to the point where our college is recognized as exemplary in many of these areas."

The college's strategic planning process, for example, was planned to parallel or include the major points of the accreditation process used by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the organization responsible for accrediting schools and colleges in an 11-state district. "Our system of strategic planning is recognized as exemplary to the extent that it has been recommended as a

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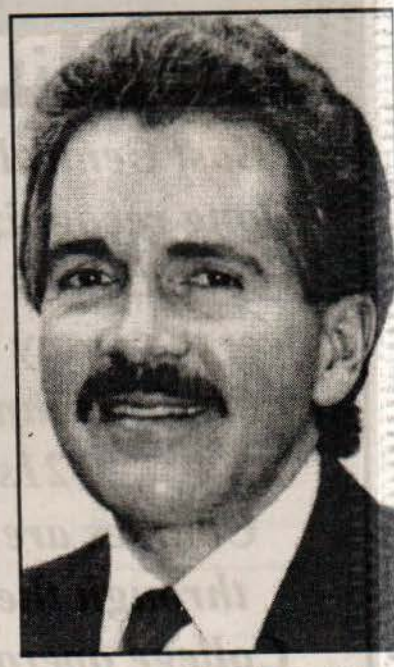
Dr. Smith to retire after 15 year tenure as ECCC president

In 1963, Eddie M. Smith graduated from East Central Junior College. On July 1, 1985, Dr. Eddie M. Smith returned to East Central Community College to assume the presidency of the college. And on July 1, 2000, he will retire.

Smith's 15-year tenure at the college has been a time of growth and accomplishment for ECCC.

"When I first came here, we started a program I nvolving 15 major goals for the college," Smith said. "Over the years, we have long ago achieved or initiated all of them. Of course, some things never get com pleted."

The list of 15 items includes everything from reviewing the organizational structure of the



Dr. Eddie M. Smith

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Blount Joins ECCC Board..... Robert Blount (right) of Union was recently selected to serve on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Blount, plant manager of Harcrest International in Union, is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia. The new trustee from Newton County is a graduate of Decatur High School and East Central Junior College. He also attended Mississippi State University. (EC Photo)

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Stowers, Moncrief Join ECCC Board

Annie Stowers of Harperville and Scott County Superintendent of Education Bingham Moncrief (right) of Morton were recently welcomed as new members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Stowers is employed as computer proctor for Leake County Schools. She is a graduate of Murphy High School and Mary Holmes College. She is currently pursuing a degree in computer technology from Jackson State University. Moncrief, who began serving a four-year term in January, is a graduate of Burns High School, Jones County Junior College, and William Carey College, where he earned double majors in social studies and sociology and later received a master's degree in school administration. He also holds a master's degree in political science from Mississippi State University.

ECCC offers GED and English program

East Central Community College is offering a GED and English program at Craft Co in Morton from 2 -6:00p.m., Monday through Wednesday. Instructors are Carmel Carlisle and Madine Crass. Call 732-6404 for more information.

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ECCC scholarships available for 2000-2001 term

Applications continue to be received for various scholarships available for the 2000-2001 term at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Dean of Students Randall E. Lee said, "Scholarship packets are available from local high school counselors or by contacting the ECCC Dean of Students' Office. The deadline to apply for all scholarships is March 22.

The following scholarships are available to traditional and nontraditional students.

The Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship is awarded to incoming, full-time freshman students who demonstrate financial need and who enroll in a curriculum which prepares the student for a ministry in full-time Christian service. To be eligible for the scholarship the student must meet the following criteria:

1) Be a high school graduate as verified by a high school transcript; 2) Be a first-time, entering freshman in the fall 2000 semester; 3) Demonstrate financial need on a current federal student financial aid form; and 4)Provide letters of recommendation from his/her high school principal, local pastor, and a personal aquaintance.

The Comans Scholarship is awarded to a student from the five-county East Central district. To be eligible the student must: 1) Be a high school graduate; 2) Have at least a "C" or "C+" average in high school (2.0-2.5 on a 4.0 scale); and 3) Have a financial need.

Applicants for the La-Z-Boy South, Inc., Scholarship must reside within the five-county district, with preference given to applicants who live in Newton County and who are La-Z-Boy employees' children, dependents or relatives.

To be eligible for the scholarship the student must: 1) Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on all previous college credit course work or a "B" average on all previous high school course work; and 2) Must have demonstrated a high level of participation in extracurricular activities and/or community involvement.

The following two scholarships are available to nontraditional students only.

The Roscoe C. Pugh Memorial Scholarship is available for incoming students who will enroll full-time in a technical or academic curriculum. To be eligible for the scholarship the student must: 1) Have earned all previous college credits at East Central Community College; 2) Be a first-time entering freshman in the fall 2000 semester; 3) Have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours credit and not more than 21 semester hours credit before applying for the scholarship; and 4) Have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Applicants for the New Directions Scholarship must 1) Be at least 21 years of age; 2) Be either married or a single parent; and 3) Be out of school for more than three years (high school, college or GED).

For more information contact Dean Lee at East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, telephone 635-2111, ext. 375, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375, or email at <rlee@eccc.cc.ms.us>.

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ECCC board member appointed; scholarship named for librarian

A new member of the board of trustees for East Central Community College has been appointed, and an endowed scholarship at the community college has been established and named for Ann Burkes who has served as the college's head librarian for over 30 years.

Robert Blount of Union has been appointed an at-large member of the board to replace Newton County Superintendent of Education Billy Pierce. Pierce married a teacher who works at ECCC, and resigned because he felt that voting on policy issues that affect ECCC instructors was a conflict of interest.

The Newton County Board of Supervisors appointed Blount. A plant manager for Harcrest International in Union at the old Midland Shirt Co. location, Blount is a graduate of Decatur High School and ECCC. He also attended Mississippi State University.

Blount and his wife, Teresa, have two sons: Bobby, who attends ECCC, and Jody, a ninth-grader. The family are members of the First Baptist Church of Union.

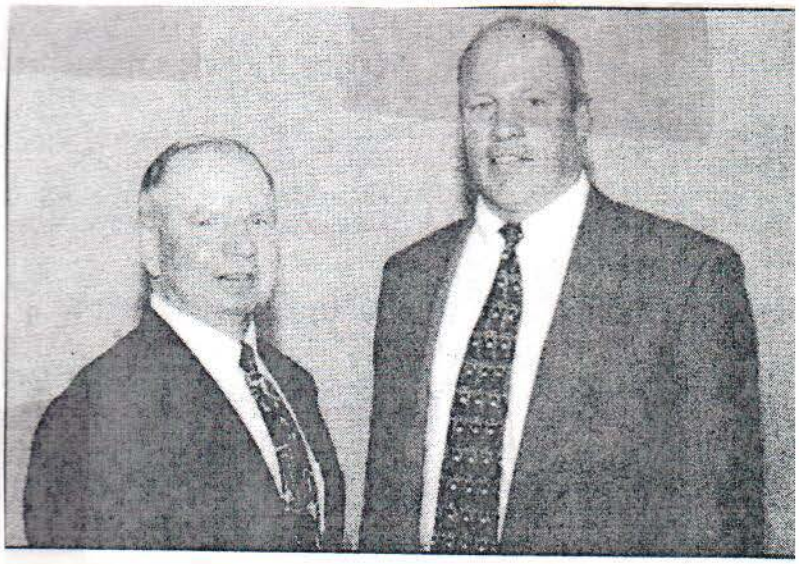
Ann Hunter Burkes, who is a member of the ECCC class of 1963, has served as an adviser for the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, for 19 years--from 1981 to 2000.

The Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa scholarship will be given annually to a Theta Xi member who exemplifies the hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa-scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The scholarship will be awarded at the end of each recipient's freshman year at East Central.

Ann Burkes first became associated with Phi Theta Kappa when she joined the organization while a student at East Central. After graduation from East Central, Burkes earned the B.S., M.S., and Ed. S. degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. She returned to ECCC in 1969 as head librarian.

After being named Theta Xi advisor, her work with the chapter involved untold hours of work above and beyond her library responsibilities. With her help, the East Central chapter achieved numerous state, regional and international awards.

Burkes will retire as Theta Xi advisor following the spring 2000 semester; however, she will remain as the College librarian and is helping to organize a campus-based Phi Theta Kappa alumni chapter.



Top photo: Robert Blount, right, and board ECCC board of trustees chairman Prentice Copeland. Bottom: Ann Burkes, left, with Dr. Shelby Harris, retired mathematics division chair and co-sponsor of the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Candidates for the Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship must meet the following criteria: 1) Become a Phi Theta Kappa member during the freshman year; 2) Be a resident of the College's five-county district; and 3) Exemplify the hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa.

For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, 39327, telephone 635-2111, ext. 375.

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Dr. Sutphin is looking forward to new duties as ECCC president

By MITCH LUCAS
Democrat reporter

When Dr. Phil Sutphin takes over as the president of East Central Community College in July, he will have plenty of training.

"Each of the positions I've been in held something that would help me (as a president)," Sutphin said.

Sutphin replaces Dr. Eddie Smith, who has been at the helm of East Central since 1988. Smith retires, but Sutphin inherits the presidency of the college at high tide.

"We have a record-setting enrollment of over 2,200 students," Sutphin said. "We're very proud of that. I'm very excited (about becoming president). This is something I've been preparing for my entire career."

For his part, Smith, while retiring, feels that he's leaving the institution in good hands.

"I'm very confident he'll do a fine job as president," said Smith, leaving a post he has held since 1985. "We've worked hand-in-glove since 1988. I feel he's very familiar with the processes of the college."

Smith will not play an active role in ECCC matters in the future, he said.

"I'm going to continue to be the college's biggest supporter," Smith said.

Sutphin isn't exactly a new face around ECCC halls. He has served the school in various duties since 1988, including dean of students (a position he held from 1988-1991), Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and dean of instruction, his most recent title.

"I've been dean of instruction since 1991, across the hall from Dr. Smith," Sutphin laughed. "I thought maybe when he retired, I'd get to move the office, but it turns out, I guess we'll just switch nameplates on the doors."

Sutphin earned an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts at Wood College before he completed undergraduate work at Mississippi State University in 1970, and also earned his Master's degree at the institution in Curriculum and Instruction, Administration and Supervision, with a Concentration in Higher Education.

Along the way, Sutphin has worked in education at several levels. He was a teacher in the Meridian Public School system from 1970 until 1977, a teacher at Meridian Community College from 1974 until 1977, then served as a graduate assistant and assistant to the EDAS Department Chairman at Memphis State from 1977 until 1980.

Sutphin spent eight years at Concord College (in West Virginia) as assistant to the institution's president, director of financial aid and veteran's affairs and assistant director of student affairs.

Sutphin came to ECCC in 1988, where he has served since.

In addition to all related school and collegiate activity, Sutphin has been active in civil circles, serving in the Lions Club, the United Way and as a delegate to the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He currently serves as chairman of the by-laws committee and the manual committee of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges Electronic Advisory Council, a part of the National Council of Instructional Administrators, treasurer of the Newton County Habitat for Humanity and is treasurer of the Decatur United Methodist Church.

Although he is well-versed in several aspects of the college, Sutphin has spent more time recently preparing himself for a more in-depth role.

"I've been doing some things I normally wouldn't," he said. "Mainly, I've been more involved in the budgeting area."

One of Sutphin's duties will be further development of Internet courses, which will be very, very important to ECCC, as community colleges have had to deal with.

"The area probably growing the most is our online classes," Sutphin said. "We're getting a lot of what we do onto the web. We're doing what we can to figure out a way to make it useful for our students."

The increased enrollment may continue, if prices stay the same. Sutphin said he cannot foresee a rate increase anytime soon.

"Community colleges statewide have held the line," he said. "We have a $500 in-state tuition, with no plans to increase. We're all lucky in the fact that we've been able to keep it low."

One of Sutphin's goals is finishing the student union project.

"Phase one, which included getting all student functions into the building, is completed," he said. "Phase two, which is food services, among other things, will be next, but we only have about one-third of the funding it will take to complete the project. We're probably looking at a two or three-year period."

Another goal: community relations.

"We're working diligently to create good relations with all the surrounding counties," Sutphin said. "We are their college."

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Guraedy to conduct workshop

Clay Bluff Art Association met Feb. 21 at 6:30 in the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council's conference room.

Eloise Lane called the meeting to order and Esther Watkins led the opening prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read by club secretary, Windy Nicholson. Waudine Moorehead gave an up-to-date financial report.

Old business matters were discussed. A committee report was given concerning the upcoming art workshop.

Input from the club was requested and Bruce Guraedy was recommended to conduct the April workshop sponsored by the Arts Council. Multi-media instruction is to be offered.

Bruce Guraedy issued an invitation to Clay Bluff to be guest artists at East Central Community during the month of April.

Possible hanging in the local library was discussed.

Guraedy reminded the club that he would be doing art oil painting demo at the March meeting.

Following club business Bruce Guraedy, head of the art department at East Central Community College, provided professional critiques of the local artists work.

Refreshments were provided by Waudine Moorehead and Dorothy Thomas.

Members present were Frances Blackwell, Joyce Dansby, Bruce Guraedy, Shirley Hardy, Frankie Harpole, Peggy Jones, Eloise Lane, Waudine Moorehead, Windy Nicolson, Aileene Oldham, Clarice Smith, Dorothy Thomas and Esther Watkins.

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Virtual college, cyber-space degrees

By Michael Stewart

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Students waiting for the course catalog at East Central Community College in Decatur need wait no longer. It is online. Just pull up the website and it is all there — course offerings, admissions, you name it.

That is interesting enough in today's computer age. But, starting this spring students will be able to sit at home on a bad hair day, eat pizza and attend classes all at the same time. ECCC, along with the other 14 community colleges in Mississippi, will begin offering cyber-space instruction.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction at ECCC, said the name of the program is the Mississippi Virtual Community College.

"Students will go to a website. They will have a log-on and password for the course they have enrolled in. When they go to the website and log on to their course, lessons will be provided at that point. It may be something they do independently or it may involve a chat room opportunity. It could be something called a threaded discussion, which is not time-dependent," Sutphin said.

"You just put your idea out there. Someone else logs on and says something else about that idea that causes another person to think about that idea. There will also be a lot of e-mail type of assignments where the student e-mails their completed project to the instructor. There will be quite a bit of interaction between the student and instructor in an online setting."

ECCC will offer courses in Computer Science, English Literature and a non-credit course in Basic Computer Programming this spring. Each of the 15 participating colleges will offer between two and four online courses this spring.

"Eventually there will be entire degree programs online. It could happen within a year or it could be a couple of years down the line. When it all comes together, st dents will be able to sit at hom and get their associate's degree Sutphin said.

Each area of the state of Missi sippi is divided into districts ar each county is within a communi college district. ECCC serves Ne ton, Winston, Neshoba, Scott ar Leake counties. This fall's enro ment at the college reached an a time high of 2,228 degree-seekir students. The college also serv some 6,500 students enrolled industrial training programs.

"Students can start here ar their credits (online or off) w transfer to just about any bach lor's degree program offered any of the eight institutions in t state," Sutphin said.

Michael Stewart is a staff writer for Th Meridian Star. E-mail him at mstewart@meridianstar.com.

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To access East Central Community College's website, go to www.eccc.cc.ms.us.
To visit the Mississippi Virtual Community College, go to www.ms.vcc.org.

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Weaver, Rigdon Speak to ECCC Students.....Glenda Weaver (second from left), area leadership development agent for the Newton County Mississippi State Extension Service, and Darlene Rigdon (third from left), family nutrition program assistant with the Extension Service, recently visited the East Central Community College campus and spoke to members of New Directions, a support group for nontraditional students, about stress management. The guest speakers are shown with New Directions president Tracy Goodin (left) of Noxapater and vice president Betty Wilkerson of Lawrence. (EC Photo)

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Technology today and tomorrow

DAVID M. CASE

Guest Columnist

There is a little demonstration involving an initial penny and the mathematical process of cumulative doubling that amazes adults and children alike.

Consider one penny on the first day of any month — obviously the owner's initial accumulated wealth in this endeavor is 1 cent. Double it — that gives the owner 2 cents. On the second day of that month, again double the total — now the owner has 4 cents. Perform the same procedure on the third day — the owner is up to 8 cents, and so on.

At first look, it does not appear that much is happening here. A great exercise to perform with a high school math class is to present this little game and ask the students if they would rather have $1 million now, or the total of the doubling process on the 30th day of the month.

Some will likely immediately choose the $1 million. Some may begin working it out, note that there is only $327.68 accumulated on the 15th day, quit and take the $1 million.

Those that follow the stream through to the end will see that the result on Day 30 is $10,737,418.24. This is a case where it pays to have patience and long-term vision.

The point is this. In general, progress does not have to be linear. Sometimes progress is more exponential, or at least seems that way. This should come as no surprise. As knowledge and technology accumulate, there is more and more of a foundation for more improvements and innovations to be built upon, and in what at least may appear to be longer and more frequent leaps.

Progress, managed correctly, can feed on itself — just as the dramatic and attention-grabbing impact of the doubling of the penny occurs in just the last few days of the month.

East Central Community College is seeing this phenomenon play out in present campus technology and particularly in plans for the future. No doubt the phenomenal benefits of the "information superhighway" and other technologies have been promoted for some time now. And no doubt over the past five years or so there have been significant enhancements in campus technology.

The results of this progress include current placement of a Pentium-grade personal computer on almost every faculty/staff desktop; a campus web server to support an interactive website (http://www.eccc.cc.ms.us); the multiplication of administrative and student services computer power more than six times; distance-learning facilities employing the Community College Network; 12 new computer labs and multiple file servers supporting a wide variety of instructional disciplines; and high bandwidth e-mail and Internet access.

East Central stands as an institution able to compete in today's demanding arena of campus technology in higher education.

But, just as with the doubling of the penny, the most dramatic and exciting applications are on the way, as the bar in technology is raised higher and more rapidly every year.

East Central has plans over the coming months to implement a nearly completely online web-based solution to student access to services: from admissions and class scheduling to personalized financial aid and business office functions, all password-protected. This is the next challenge of the information superhighway — to move from simply providing static data on websites to offering interactive tools to make the lives of people easier, more convenient and more mobile.

Likewise, this will be the direction East Central seeks to move in the coming months — increased attention to distance-learning offerings and methods, including participation in the Mississippi Virtual Community College (http://www.msvcc.org); increased ease of access by students to student information; increased student access to the Internet and e-mail, including access in dormitories and other campus locations; and, of course, maintenance of current infrastructure and the continual necessary upgrades of hardware now in place.

The challenge of remaining a leader in campus technology in higher education is constant and never-ending — the goal line is never crossed and the ball is never spiked. These challenges are increasing in complexity and change is increasing in rapidity. But, likewise, the benefits to faculty and students will be more and more eye-opening for those with the vision to look ahead and resist the temptation to stop or settle.

East Central Community College plans to be in that group.

David M. Case is the Director for Technology at East Central Community College.

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WEEK OF 9-8-00

PRESENTS CHECK FOR ECCC SCHOLARSHIPS - Students enrolled in carpentry and cabinetmaking at East Central Community College may find classes to be even less expensive thanks to a recent contribution from the Home Builders Association of Mississippi. The Association presented a $4000 check to the College, to be used in awarding four $1000 scholarships to qualified students enrolled in the vocational program of study. Donnie Massey of Meridian, third from left, Association vice president, is shown presenting the check to Mickey Vance, ECCC Business Manager. Also pictured are (from left) John Adcock, ECCC District Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction; James E. Sardin, Associate State Superintendent, Office of Vocational and Technical Instruction, Mississippi Dept. of Education; and Fredrick Lyons, ECCC Carpentry and Cabinetmaking instructor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 3-6-2000

New scholarship

Joe Renaud (left) recently presented a check to ECCC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith to establish the Shirley Sanders Renaud Scholarship at the College.

Renaud Scholarship established at ECCC

A scholarship honoring the memory of Shirley Sanders Renaud was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

A 1963 graduate of East Central, Mrs. Renaud was an outstanding student, athlete and educator. A native of Greenwood who lived most of her life in Carthage, Mrs Renaud died in November, 1999, at age 56 after a long bout with cancer.

Mrs. Renaud was a graduate of Carthage High School where she starred in basketball from 1957 to 1961. During her senior year, she averaged 35 points per game and once scored 53 points in two quarters and three minutes of a game. Her high school number, 33, was retired when she graduated. Joe Shepherd, said she was one of the most outstanding players he had ever seen.

At EC, Mrs. Renaud played intramural basketball and also

ors. She served as a teacher in public and private schools and ended her career as a librarian with Leake County Schools.

Her husband, Joe Renaud, serves as personal development specialist in the East Central Workforce Development Center. Their children, Tara Lynn and Joseph "Joff" Renaud III are both graduates of East Central Community College and USM.

Recipients of the Renaud Memorial Scholarship must have excelled both athletically and academically.

Other criteria include the following: 1) Must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.5 (B+) on a 4.0 scale; 2) Participate in varsity sports, with the first choice of recipients going to basketball players, second to tennis, then golf, swing and football, and 3) be a resident of the College's five-county district.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR INDUSTRY - Representatives from the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur recently met with officials from La-Z-Boy South in Newton to discuss services provided by the College and other areas in which East Central can assist La-Z-Boy and other local industries. Attending were from left - Danny Simoneau, La-Z-Boy Plant 21 manager; Jim Hansford, ECCC Workforce Development Coordinator; Scotty Russell, La-Z-Boy Plant Superintendent; Jeff Cumberland, La-Z-Boy Wood Room Manager; Larry Blackburn, Director, ECCC Workforce Development Center; Ron Forest, ECCC Workforce Development Coordinator; Randy Loper, La-Z-Boy Metal Department Manager; Rhonda Pace, La-Z-Boy Sewing Department Manager; Jon Mason, La-Z-Boy Poly Department Manager; and Robbie Brown, La-Z-Boy Upholstery Manager.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

ECCC OBSERVES VO-TECH WEEK - James E. Sardin, Associate State Superintendent, Office of Vocational and Technical Education, Mississippi Department of Education, is joined by vo-tech students at East Central Community Colege in Decatur as he signs a proclamation declaring Career and Technical Education Week February 13-19, 2000. The theme of this year's observance is "2000: A Career Odyssey." East Central students and programs of study they represent include (seated from left) Keyla Peden of Philadelphia, drafting and design technoloty; Debra Lucroy of Decatur, medical office technology; Mary tingle of Lawrence, child development technology; Mr. Sardin; John Adcock, ECCC Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction; Martha Wood of Philadelphia, licensed practical nursing; Aaron Hines of Forest, licensed practical nursing; and Jody Addy of Decatur, machine shop technology; (second row, from left) Carla Jacome-Cluff of Newton, cosmetology; Veronica Adams of Quitman, child development technology; Jason Jones of Carthage, computer programming technology; Shawn Oliphant of Hickory, electrical technology; Lorenzo Griffin of Philadelphia, computer servicing technology; Catherine Pinter of Harperville, medical office technololgy; Jarrett Thomas of Conehatta, welding and cutting; Andrew Smith of Enterprise, computer servicing technology; and Michael Boyette of Enterprise, collision repair technology; and (back row, from left) Bill Wilson of Decatur, heating and air conditioning technology; Herman Warren of Morton, welding and cutting; Ben Stewart of Forest, basic carpentry; Josh Young of Carthage, computer network support; Gary Dukes of Carthage, computer science; Joseph Robertson of Morton, drafting and design technology; and Stephen Walker of Meridian, automotive technology. For information regarding vo-tech programs of study, call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 214.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

Van Chancellor Day planned for Saturday, March 18

By Michelle Scrivener

Final plans are underway to honor Winston County native Van Chancellor on Saturday, March 18.

Most widely known as head coach for the Lady Rebels for 19 seasons, Chancellor has moved on to coach in the professional ranks, leading the Houston Comets for the past three years, guiding them to three consecutive WNBA championships.

Entering his fourth season with the Comets, Chancellor has a 71-19 regular season mark (.789) and a 10-3 playoff record (.769).

He has been named as WNBA Coach of the Year for three consecutive years and has had two of his players, Cynthia Cooper and Sheryl Swoopes, named as Most Valuable Player.

While coaching at Ole Miss, Chancellor led his teams through his 19 season with a winning percentage of .740 (439-154), made 23 post season appearances, including 14 NCAA Tournament appearances, and his program at Ole Miss became recognized as one of the premier women's basketball programs in the nation.

As a collegiate coach, Chancellor ranks 16th all-time in coaching wins amongst women's basketball coaches.

Many Winston County remember Chancellor before he went on to be a successful coach in both the college and professional ranks.

He played two years of basketball at East Central Junior College in Decatur and later transferred to Mississippi State. During his senior year at State, Chancellor began his coaching career with a boy's basketball team at Noxapater High School.

Chancellor received his master's degree in Physical Education from the University of Mississippi in 1973.

He and his wife, Betty, live in Houston and have two children, John and Renee and two grandsons, Nicholas, two, and Jacob Winston, born in April '99.

Chancellor and his family plan to be at the park located behind the Winston County Library, weather permitting, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with a reception to be held in the library. In case of rain, the entire ceremony will be held in the conference room of the library.

State Representative Bobby Moody will be on hand to read and present Chancellor with a proclamation from the state legislator naming Saturday as Van Chancellor Day.

Chancellor will also bring with him copies of his new book to sell and sign for anyone who would like to purchase a copy.

All Winston Countians are encouraged to attend to meet Chancellor and his family or to renew old friendships from years passed.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

Hogue to be included in "Who's Who" publication

DECATUR--Larry Hogue, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at East Central Community College in Decatur, has been selected: to be included in a biographical directory published by Marquis Who's Who, the leading biographical reference publisher of the highest achievers and contributors from across the country and around the world.

Hogue will be profiled in the 2000 edition of Who's Who in America, which will be available in September, 2000.

Since 1999, when A.N. Marquis printed the First Edition of Who's Who in America, Marquis Who's Who has chronicled the lives of the most accomplished individuals and innovators from every significant field of endeavor - including politicians, business, medicine, law, education, art, religion and entertainment. Today, Who's Who in America remains an essential biographical source for thousands of researchers, journalists, librarians and executive search

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firms around the world.

Marquis now publishes many Who's Who titles, including Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, Who's Who in Science and Engineering and Who's Who of American Women.

To nominate colleagues for a Marquis publication, visit the official Marquis Who's Who Web site at www.marauiswhoswho.com.

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ECCC VO-TECH STAFF RECOGNIZED - Special recognition is being made of the vocational-technical staff at East Central Community College in Decatur in observance of Career and Technical Education this month. The theme of this year's celebration is "2000: A Career Odyssey." Above are (first row, from left), Ricky Harrison, drafting and design technology instructor; Gerald Jordan, welding instructor; Al Bailey, director of vocational individualized developmental system (VIDS); rosemary Adcock, special populations instructor (mathematics); and Stella Dickerson, computer technology instructor; (second row, from left) Dale McNair, automotive technology instructor; Wanda Brackeen, cosmetology instructor; and Katherine Buckman, licensed practical nursing instructor; (third row, from left) James Clark, electronics technology instructor; Lester Miles, heating and air conditioning technology instructor; Sandra Thomas, licensed practical nursing instructor; Sandra Amis, coordinator of tech prep education; Mary Boulton, gerontology instructor; and Polly Mayes, drafting and design technology instructor; (fourth row, from left) Fredrick Lyons carpentry and cabinet making instructor; Conrad Germany, colli sion repair technology instructor; John Everett, electrical technol ogy instructor; and Jim Blackburn, electronic technology instructo and (top row, from left) James E. Sardin, associate state superin tendent, Office of Vocational and Technical Education, Missis sippi Department of Education; John Adcock, district director c vocational-technical instruction; and Jimmy Dempsey, vo-tec counselor. Nor pictured are Elizabeth Breland, Ann Bullock an Christy Ferguson, business technology instructors; Brenda Johnso computer technology instructor; Janice Jacobs, surgical technolog instructor; May Ann Wright, child development technology ir structor; Thomas Fortenberry, computer network support techno ogy instructor; Roger Whitlock, work-based learning coordinato Corrine Hayes, science and technology instructor; and Maudea Sanders, assistant district director of vocational-technical ir struction. For information regarding vocational-technical course call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 214.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

ECCC staff member honored

East Central Community College's Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Larry Hogue, has been selected to be included in a biographical directory published by Marquis *Who's Who*, the world's leading biographical reference publisher. Hogue will be profiled in the 2000 edition of *Who's Who in America*, which will be available in September. Since 1899, when A.N. Marquis printed the first edition of *Who's Who in America*, Marquis publications have chronicled the lives of significant contributors in every field of endeavor, including politics, business, law, medicine, education, entertainment, art and religion. *Who's Who in America* remains remains an essential biographical source for research in many fields.

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WEEK OF 3/20/00

Large crowd honors Van Chancellor

By Michelle Scrivener

A large crowd was on hand to honor Winston County native and professional basketball coach, Van Chancellor back home on Saturday. Chancellor, a native of the Nanih Waiya community, was greeted by former coaches, ranging from his high school basketball coach and track coach, to his junior college coach and an assistant athletic director from Ole Miss.

All were on hand to acknowledge the achievements and success that Chancellor has enjoyed throughout the years. Having served for 19 years as head basketball coach for the Ole Miss Lady Rebels, Chancellor led his teams to 23 postseason appearances, including 14 NCAA Tournament appearances, and became recognized as one of the premier women's basketball programs in the nation. A a collegiate coach, Chancellor ranks 16th all-time in coaching wins amongst women's basketball coaches.

Chancellor entertained the crowd by reminiscing of his youthful days, talking of playing ball on dirt courts and remembering his playing days under high school coach Gary Hughes and running track under high school coach Bud Turner.

He shared an amusing story with the crowd," The other day I cam to town to cash a check," said Chancellor, " and when I got the bank the teller didn't know who I was and whether or not to cash the check. Another lady standing beside her told he that it would be alright to cash my check, that I was Heze's brother. Now that I have been recognized with Van Chancellor Day, maybe I won't have to be known just as Heze's brother!"

Several presentations were made to Chancellor throughout the day including one from Mayor Andy Woods who presented him with the keys to the city; Supervisor Mike Peterson presenting him with a proclamation from the Winston County Board of Supervisors naming March 18, 2000 as Van Chancellor Day; Representative Bobby Moody, who read the resolution passed by the legislature proclaiming March 18, 2000 as Van Chancellor Day; and a presentation by Lynnette Johnson, Ole Miss Assistant Athletic Director.

Chancellor also brought with him his new book, *Nothin' But A Champion*, which he personally autographed for all those who purchased a copy.

Van Chancellor has gone on to even loftier heights as the first coach of the WNBA Houston Comets. Chancellor made the change four years ago and has never looked back.

These first three seasons have brought with them three consecutive WNBA championships and has seen Chancellor named three consecutive times as WNBA Coach of the Year. Entering his fourth season with the Comets, Chancellor has a 71-19 regular season mark (.789) and a 10-3 playoff record (.769). In addition, individual players on his team who have achieved greatness include WNBA's two-time Most Valuable Player, Cynthia Cooper and Sheryl Swoopes.

Van Chancellor

In 1998, the Comets set numerous league records on the road to a decisive 27-3 finish. Houston dominated on the court, setting a new scoring record (76.2), and recording 15 consecutive wins between June 27 and July 30. The .900 winning percentage is the best finish in the history of professional basketball, men or women.

After the 1998 season, Chancellor continued his presence on the basketball court as head coach of the 1998 WNBA Touring Team, a squad of elite WNBA players that played against the best teams in Brazil.

In his entertaining talk, he mentioned several times the closeness he felt with the people of Winston County, particularly his father, aunts and uncles and in-laws.

It was clear to all who attended that Van Chancellor is certainly everything that has been said about him - a great coach, a good - ole Winston County boy and an all around nice guy.

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WEEK OF 3-20-00

ECCC HEADWAE HONOREES - Leonard Barrier (seated at left) of Philadelphia and Chris Weems (seated center) of Newton, representing East Central Community College in Decatur, were among faculty members and students from the state's public and private institutions of higher learning who were recently recognized for academic achievement. Barrier teaches English and Weems is an engineering major with a perfect 4.0 grade point. the annual observance - Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working Toward Academic Excellence, is sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature. Pictured with the ECCC honorees are Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction, and (standing from left) Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President.

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WEEK OF 3-27-00

PRESENTS GIFT - Kathy Moulds (right), a sophomore Office Systems Technology major from Sebastopol, presented a fruit basket to Bill Underwood of Jackson after he spoke to ECCC students recently. Underwood, who grew up on a farm in Scott County near Sebastopol, has built thousands of homes and developed other properties in the Jackson area. He spoke to students about his book, "Making Decisions," and also talked about how to get, keep and succeed in a job. (EC Photo)

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PHI THETA KAPPA HONORS SMITH, SUTPHIN - As part of their honors study topic, "The New Millennium: the Past as Prologue," East Central Community College's Theta XI Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, recently hosted a breakfast in honor of retiring College president Dr. Eddie M. Smith and incoming president Dr. Phil Sutphin. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Sutphin, Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa International; and Dr. Smith.

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WEEK OF 3-31-2000

ECCC to again offer LPN to RN upgrade program

Licensed practical nurses interested in becoming registered nurses may want to take advantage of an educational opportunity available at East Central Community College in Decatur. East Central will offer the LPN to RN Upgrade Program beginning in June, 2000, announced Melanie Gilmore, Associate Degree Nursing director.

Applications may be obtained at the Office of Admissions, Records and Research located in the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building. The deadline for application is April 1, 2000.

For more information contact the Associate Degree Nursing office, Ph 635-2111, ext. 240, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1 -877-462-3222), ext. 240.

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WEEK OF 4-3-2000

Special EC visitors

Leake County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus and were special luncheon guests at the March meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. Seated from left are H. V. Neal, Jr., District Four Supervisor; Dot Merchant, Chancery Clerk; Oliver Smith, District Three Supervisor; Jeff Webb, County Attorney; and William Brock, District One Supervisor. Standing from left are Joe Andy Helton, District Two Supervisor; Leake County trustee Jerry K. Moore of Carthage; Freddie Terrell, County Administrator; and Leake County trustees W. Edward Kitchings and Silas O'Neal, both of Carthage.

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WEEK OF 4-3-00

E. Central Warrior Club looks to upgrade

By **Austin Bishop**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — East Central Community College is in the process of trying to raise nearly $4 million dollars through its booster club arm in an effort to upgrade the two-year school's athletic facilities.

Among the long-range plans are a $2.5 million multi-sport athletic field house which would serve both the football and baseball teams, a $900,000 renovation to the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Complex which would enhance the seating, and a new entrance to the football stadium at a price tag of $400,000.

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The Warrior Stadium entrance improvements would also include a new ticket booth-concession-restroom area.

ECCC Athletic Director Sammy Pace said when something goes on the long-range list it stays there until it is funded.

"We try to get them as quick as we can," Pace said. "But if it is a need item, it may stay there 10 years. We haven't done that before, but I'm just saying it is going to stay there until we can find a way to fund it."

He said no final decision has been made as to how much of the field house project money has to be raised before construction begins.

"The field house has been something we have kicked around for several years and now we have come up with a plan for it," Pace said. It would be located East of the gym and South of the baseball field.

"We are in the process of developing a booklet that goes along with it that will distribute to several hundred potential donors and see what we get," he said.

The funds for both long-range and short-range athletic needs are raised by the Warrior Club, a volunteer group that has been in existence since 1986.

"We basically try to raise as much as we can in a given year," said Ricky Harrison, president of the Warrior Club. "We don't have a certain amount, we just try to help as much as we can."

The money raised is beyond what is budgeted by the school.

"We have certain items that when we buy through the Warrior Club, we want them to be visible items, so those donating can see where their money is going," Pace said.

While long-range plans are important, so are short-term needs.

The Warrior Club recently sent out a brochure itemizing nearly $180,000 in immediate needs.

They range from $100 for a half-dozen pick up shag bags for the golf team to $125,000 for the chair back seats for the basketball facility.

Pace said itemizing the needs helps the patrons put a little ownership on the athletic program.

"They can look and say this is what my money is doing," he said. "It is not just going in there and they never know. It's not just an needy program.

Harrison said the Warrior Club's goal is to help the school, through boosting its athletics programs.

"We feel like we have an overall good athletic program, but there is always room for improvement," he said. "There are a few things we need facilities wise, whether it is for the players or whatever it might be."

Pace said the needs vary.

"We have big-ticket items and then we have things that are more-or-less cosmetic or quick fix that are immediate needs or small-ticket items," Pace said.

He said he doesn't formulate the list of needs, that responsibility is put upon the individual coach. "I may go back and say what about this or what about this. We encourage every coach to do something positive for their program every year — some addition that stands out."

This year there is a new score-

ECCC Wish List

Here are the immediate need items being sought by the Warrior Club:

- **General Athletics:** Video camera, $1,500; Two big screen televisions, $2,000; Rubber weight room floor mats, $2,000. Total: $5,500.
- **Baseball:** Two-foot high brick area running from dugout to dugout, $2,000; New grandstand rails, $2,000. Total: $4,000.
- **Basketball:** Chair back seats for Brackeen-Wood P.E. Building, $125,000; Lockers for men's and women's dressing rooms, $4,000; Bench chairs, $2,500. Total, $131,000.
- **Football:** Movable film tower, $1,500; Season ticket chair back seats, $5,000; Topsoil-sand/sprinkler system on the practice field, $3,500. Total: $10,000.
- **Golf:** Putting green, $1,500; Twenty-five dozen practice balls, $150; Six pick up shag bags, $100; Six stand up golf bags with ECCC logo, $550. Total: $2,300.
- **Soccer:** Combination press box/score box/storage facility, $1,500; Twenty-five travel bags with ECCC logo, $750; Underground water sprinkler system, $1,500; Aluminum benches with backs for home and visiting teams, $600; Six foot restraining fence around soccer field, $2,000; Concession stand/restroom facility (also to be used by softball), $2,000. Total: $10,850.
- **Softball:** Travel bags, $900; Temporary fencing, $5,000. Total: $5,900.
- **Tennis:** New tennis court lights, $1,000; Drinking fountain, $200; Restrooms, $5,000; Storage building, $2,500. Total: $8,700.

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

Reception will honor retiring ECCC president

East Central Community College will honor retiring president Dr. Eddie M. Smith during ceremonies scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6 on the Decatur campus.

Smith

A convocation for the longtime educator begins at 2 p.m. in Huff Auditorium, followed by a dedication ceremony at the college's new Student Union Building, earlier named in Dr. Smith's honor.

Among participants in the special program include H.B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, former ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman and current member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, current ECCC Board Chairman; Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC Dean of Instruction and President-elect; State Representative Billy Nicholson of Union; and former ECCC faculty member Ovid S. Vickers..

Dr. Smith has led his alma mater since 1985. His retirement is effective June 30, 2000, and comes following almost 36 years of service in the field of education.

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ECCC Homecoming 2000 planned Saturday, October 7

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ECCC hires new director of admissions

By Austin Bishop / The Meridian Star
April 12, 2000

Email this story.

DECATUR - The East Central Community College Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Donna Luke of Philadelphia as the school's next director of admissions during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Luke's hiring will become official on May 1, allowing her to work with Raymond McMullan, who will be retiring from the post he has held since June of 1986.

"This allows her two months to work with him before he retires," Dr. Phil Sutphin told the board. "We think that is very important."

After the board agreed to hire Luke for two months, they then approved another 1-year contract. Sutphin, the two-year school's dean of instruction, will become ECCC's seventh president on July 1.

Luke was one of 20 applicants for the job and one of six interviewed.

Sutphin said Luke, who had worked for East Central previously as an instructor, was by far the superior candidate for the position.

She has 25 years of education experience and comes to East Central from the Mississippi Department of Education in Jackson, where she served as bureau director of compliance and reporting and resource management.

In another matter, the board approved resolutions to be sent to each of ECCC's five supporting counties asking for a total of 3.75 mills of support each for fiscal year 2000-01.

Those counties are Newton, Neshoba, Leake, Scott and Winston.

Sutphin told the board he would personally visit each of the county boards of supervisors to explain the school's needs and seek full funding.

According to the resolutions, 2.25 mills would go for maintenance, while 1.5 mills would go toward enlargement, improvement and repairs.

The tuition scales for the 2000-2001 school year were also put before the board. They had been approved at an earlier board meeting, but were officially presented on Tuesday.

The only rise in tuition will be for out-of-state and out-of-country students. Those fees will climb from $710 per semester to $875.

Tuition for in-state students remains the same at $500 per semester, while room remains at $380 per semester and board at $540.

The board was told no changes to the fee scale were expected, but nothing could be solidified until after the current Legislative session ends and the state's

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Speakers for ECCC-hosted clinic

East Central Community College again served as co-host for the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games held April 6 at Choctaw Central High School in Philadelphia. Prior to the All-Star matchups, two coaches' clinics were held at the Silver Star Resort and Casino, which also served as co-host along with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Featured speakers at this year's clinics were Sharon Fanning, head women's basketball coach at Mississippi State University and Jim Hatfield (right), assistant men's basketball coach at Murray State University, who are shown with Jay Bowen, ECCC head men's basketball coach. (EC Photo)

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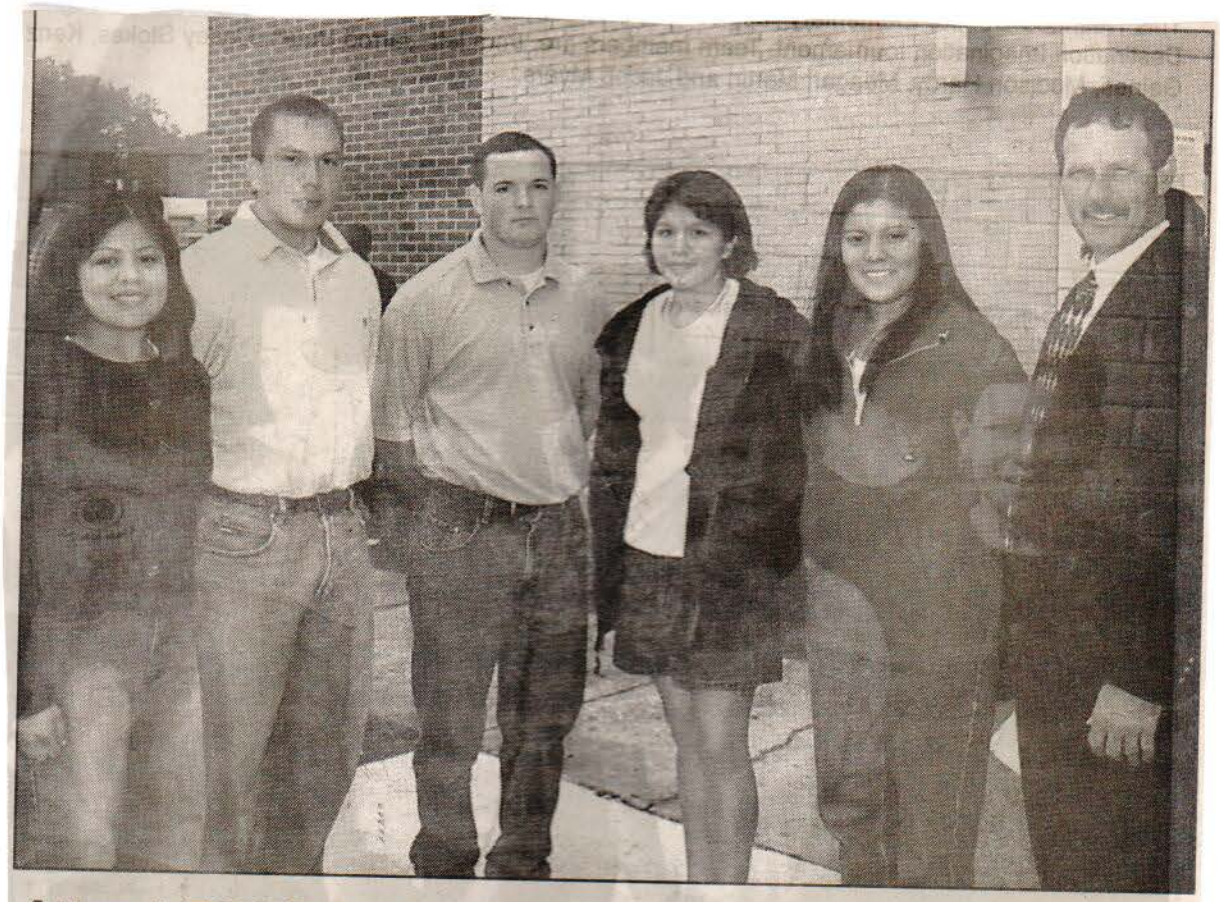

Attend ECCC Senior Day

Approximately 980 students representing area high schools participated in "Senior Day" activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. Among those attending from Choctaw Central High School included (from left) Latisha Stephens, Benjamin Farve, Tony Lilly, Ashley Stephens and Erica Dan, who are shown with Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott [illegible] counties. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-24-00

Student questioned in ECCC chemical explosions

A male student at East Central Community College was being heldfor questioning by the Decatur police in a series of incidents which may have been chemical explosions, but the student's name has not yet been released.

Decatur Chief of Police Lisa Creel said loud noises have been reported intermittently on the ECCC campus for about two weeks. The most recent noises were reported about 3 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Two of the chemical devices went off in Winston Hall and one near the tennis courts. No one was near any of the chemical devices.

"We don't think whoever is doing this is out to hurt anyone," Creel said. "I think they are just doing it for fun. They're just experimenting. No one has been anywhere near any of the devices when they went off."

A preliminary investigation has turned up plastic bottles that appear to have been deformed from a combination of heat and pressure.

Witnesses reported a male student who was either seen near the scenes of the detonation or who allegedly admitted to other students that he w the one making and detonati the devices.

On the basis of statements several students, a male w picked up for questioning and search warrant obtained for h dorm room. A search of t dorm room turned up comm household chemicals such bleach and toilet clean

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which can contain reactive chemicals such as hydrochloric acid. At the scene of one explosion, Creel said, small particles of what appeared to be dry ice were found.

Normally it would not be suspicious to find household chemicals such as toilet cleaners in living quarters, but in the dorm where the chemicals were found the apartments do not have individual bathrooms, Creel said. The bathroom are for an entire group of apartments, and the bathroom facilities are maintained by the school, not by the students.

At least two other substances were found in the student's room--black and clear capsules containing small, solid black cylinders, and a small package with a greenish sold which apparently crumbles easily and leaves a coating of greenish dust inside the package. These have not yet been identified, and it is not known if these are ordinary substances or something which might be used to make a device.

Indications are that ingredients such as the bleach and the toilet cleaner are placed in a container with dry ice. The containers are then left inder stairways or outside at times and in places where there is unlikely to be anyone around, Creel said.

After an undetermined period of time, the chemicals create enough heat and pressure to burst the containers.

The container that burst near the tennis courts Tuesday night made enough noise that a Decatur police officer at Longview Terrace Apartments on Highway 15 heard the noise.

The student being detained and questioned can only be held for 72 hours, and the name is not being released because of the possibility that no charges may be filed.

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PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER VISITS ECCC CAMPUS - Carolyn Pugh Brown of Chevy Chase, Maryland, daughter of East Central Community College's first president Roscoe C. Pugh, recently made a visit to the Decatur campus, along with her cousins of the Dunaway family. She is shown next to her father's portrait, which hangs inthe Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building, with current East Central President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (left) and Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC Dean of Instruction and President-Elect. (EC Photo)

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Leadership Newton County Participants.... Participants in the recent Leadership Newton County class held on the campus of East Central Community College in Decatur include (seated, left to right) Faye Tune, Union; Penny Hisaw, Decatur; Marianne Strickland, Union; and Arlies King, Terri Windham and Shawntal McCann, all of Decatur; and (standing, left to right) Cathy Evans, Newton; Pam Keith, Decatur; Geneane McDonald, Union; Shemeka Cleveland, Decatur; Patricia Spence, Newton; David Cleveland, Hickory; Carole Germany, Union; Stan Buckley, Sherry Lohrer, Dianne Smith and Stacey Hollingsworth, all of Decatur; Mitzi Nicholson, Conehatta; and facilitators Linda Pierce and Lois McMullan, both of Decatur. The community leadership program, which utilizes the leadership hallmark of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, and the materials developed by the honor society, was started by retiring ECCC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith and was the first of its kind in the nation. (EC Photo)

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Football announced

Six Thursday night contests and four games on Saturday are included in East Central Community College's football schedule for the 2000 campaign, announced Terry Underwood, head coach.

The Warriors begin season action by traveling to East Mississippi for a 7 p.m. Kickoff on Thursday, Aug. 31, at Scooba. East Central begins home action in Decatur by hosting Delta at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, followed by another campus contest at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, with Coahoma.

EC journeys to Gulf Coast for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Thursday, Sept. 21, and will be homecoming guests at Holmes in a 5 p.m. clash scheduled Saturday, Sept. 30, on the Goodman campus.

East Central hosts Hinds Saturday, Oct. 14, in a 2 p.m. matchup, and travels to Jones on Saturday, Oct. 21, for a 7 p.m. start on the Ellisville campus.

East Central's final home game is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, with Southwest. The Warriors close out regular season competition by traveling to Pearl River on Thursday, Nov. 2. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Poplarville campus.

All Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) featuring veteran broadcaster Mike Goodwin.

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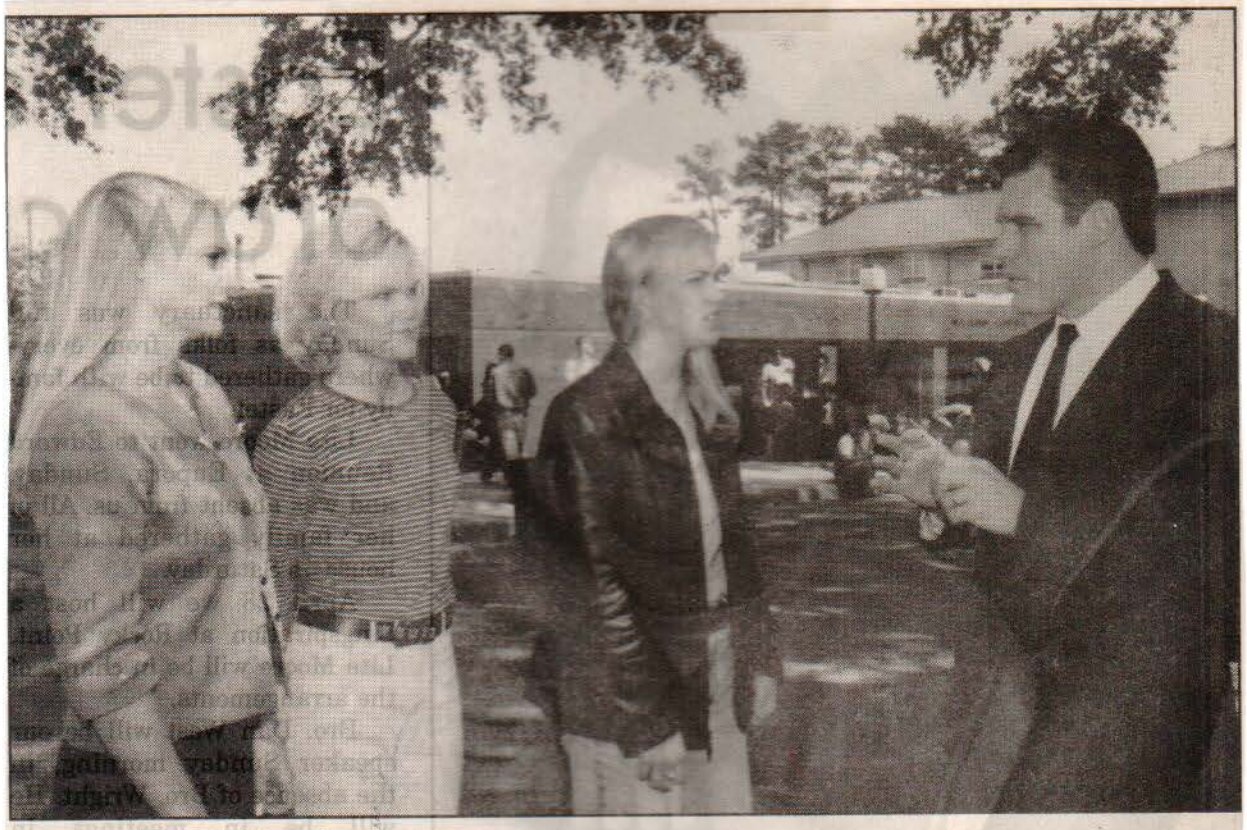

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Special ECCC visitors

Neshoba County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus and were special luncheon guests at the Board of Trustees' April meeting. Seated from left are James Young, District Five supervisor; Harold Reynolds, District Three supervisor; Mike Allen, District Two supervisor; Keith Lillis, District One supervisor; Larry McMillan, Chancery Clerk; and Benji Coats, County Administrator. Standing from left are ECCC trustees from Neshoba County (from left) Edsel Cliburn, Ramona Adcock, Prentice Copeland (chairman), Stanley Salter and Steve Nelson, Neshoba County Superintendent of Education.

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EC to Host World War II Exhibit.... East Central Community College will be the starting place for a seven-stop statewide exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution. Carol Harsh (second from left), Smithsonian project director, recently visited the campus to tour the site for the exhibit. "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945" will open at East Central on September 28 and will remain on campus until November 3. The exhibit will be open to the public and available for school tours. The display is a collection of posters that were used to display messages in the United States during World War II. In addition, the College hopes to add local collections to the display. Harsh said, "So many times stories are told about what happened in the war, but not about the home front. At each location, we hope to blend the local stories and pictures with the exhibit." Shown looking over plans for the exhibit are (from left) Donald Simmons of the Mississippi Humanities Council, who is coordinating the tour; Harsh; Tommy Thrash, Chairman of the College's Social Sciences Division, who is coordinating the project for the College; and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction at the College. For more information contact Thrash at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 235 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 235. (EC Photo)

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CARR ATTENDS ECCC SENIOR DAY - ECCC Warrior Corps member Sarah Johnson (left) of Newton provides information to Lucas Carr (center) also of Newton, who recently attended Senior Day activities held at the College. Also pictured is academic counselor Michael Alexander. Seniors from throughout the ECCC five-county district are invited to the annual event during which campus tours and special interest sessions are held to assist students in deciding their fields of study. Entertainment is provided by the jazz band, Ac'cents and the Collegians. The special visitors are treated to a complimentary lunch to conclude the day's activities. (EC Photo)

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La-Z-Boy, ECCC receive awards

La-Z-Boy South in Newton and the East Central Community College Workforce Development Center received special recognition at a recent meeting of the State Workforce Council in Jackson.

La-Z-Boy was presented a "Best Practices Award" and ECCC received an "Outstanding Training Award."

Attending the presentation

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From left: Jim Hansford, Joe Renaud, George Walker, Natalie Vance, Ron Forest, Chris Harris, Larr Blackburn, Mike Trailkill, Vivian Partain, Roger Whitlock, Jim Finley.

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were representatives from ECCC and La-Z-Boy, including Jim Hansford, industrial coordinator; Joe Renaud, personal development specialist, both with ECCC; George Walker, chairman, State Workforce Council; Natalie Vance, basic skills specialist, and Ron Forest, workforce specialist, both of ECCC; Chris Harris, human resource manager, La-Z-Boy South; Larry Blackburn, workforce development center director, ECCC; Mike Trailkill, engineering manager, and Vivian Partain, controller, both of La-Z-Boy South; Roger Whitlock, work-based learning coordinator, ECCC; and Jim Finley, CEO of Craft-Co in Morton and East Central's representative on the State Workforce Council.

"For several years, La-Z-Boy South and East Central Community College have prospered from a relationship that has been beneficial to both our community and our workforce," said Chris Harris. "The training opportunities for our employees have been numerous and well-suited for continued success and growth to our area and our industry. I treasure our friendship and working rela-

ship. We at La-Z-Boy valu this relationship a great deal and anticipate continued success with the opportunity of utilizing these services provided by ECCC."

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East Central Senior Day pays off for scho

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By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — East Central Community College's dean of students said he was pleased with the fact that 979 students showed up for the two-year school's pair of Senior Days last month, but what pleases him even more is the fact that it is likely that nearly 80 percent of those will actually become ECCC students.

Lee

"We recruit very personally," said Randall Lee, ECCC's dean of students. "We have a good idea of who is and who isn't interested in us.

"The key to all of this success recruiting is personalized attention. I know that's a cliche, but we live it here," Lee said. "The number one priority at this college is recruiting, from the president on down."

The school has had at least 840 students attend its senior days for each of the last five years.

"All data shows that if you get students on campus they are more likely to attend the college, that's why we take it so seriously," Lee said.

A lot of the high schools bus the students in and send along sponsors as well.

"We are very happy when they do that," Lee said. "I would say that 50 percent of the schools do that. When you get the sponsorship here it helps."

There are 24 high schools in East Central Community College's five-county district. The counties in the district are Newton, Leake, Winston, Newton and Neshoba.

Two high schools, Forest and Noxapater had each of its seniors attend one of the Senior Days. Neshoba Central had the largest number participate at 108, while Louisville High School sent 106.

"We were just unhappy with one school this year, but the other schools with lower numbers are actually higher than they were last year," he said.

East Central has had an enrollment increase each of the last 15 years. The school had 1,442 students in 1994 and currently has 2,228 students.

Lee said he estimates ECCC gets between 55 to 60 percent of all seniors in its district.

"We believe East Central will continue to grow in enrollment because we have a lot of success in retaining students once they get here," Lee said. "That's the key real."

He said according to studies over the last two years that ECCC ranks as the best community colleges in the state when it comes to retention rate of full-time students,

Lee said when you combine that with the fact ECCC is annually among the top two commu leges in the state when it c transfer grade point ave points to one of the school's tant strengths. Transfe point average is what m how well community colle dents fare once they got t colleges.

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Senior Day

The following is a graphic of the number of students from East Central's five-county district who attended one of the school's two senior days

School	Seniors	Attending	Pct
Carthage	62	48	77
Carth. Christian	4	2	50
Choctaw Central	70	22	31
Edinburg	35	21	60
Forest	86	86	100
Grace Christian	4	0	0
Lake	41	33	80
Leake Academy	46	45	98
Louisville	116	106	91
Morton	55	15	27
Nanih Waiya	18	9	50
Neshoba Central	138	108	78
Newton	67	57	85
Newton Academy	26	18	69
Newton County	102	93	91
Noxapater	31	31	100
Philadelphia	54	44	81
Pleasant Grove Aca.	2	0	0
Scott Central	54	40	74
Sebastopol	33	31	94
South Leake	50	48	96
Thomastown	34	28	82
Union	36	32	89
Winston Academy	37	23	62

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SENIOR DAY— High School students swarm over the East Central Campus during the two senior days the two-year school hosted in April.

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WEAVER SPEAKS TO ECCC STUDENTS - Newton County Home Economist Glenda Weaver (left) recently spoke to members of Elizabeth Breland's business technology class at East Central Community College. Ms. Weaver chose as her topic of discussion, "Time and Stress Management." (EC Photo)

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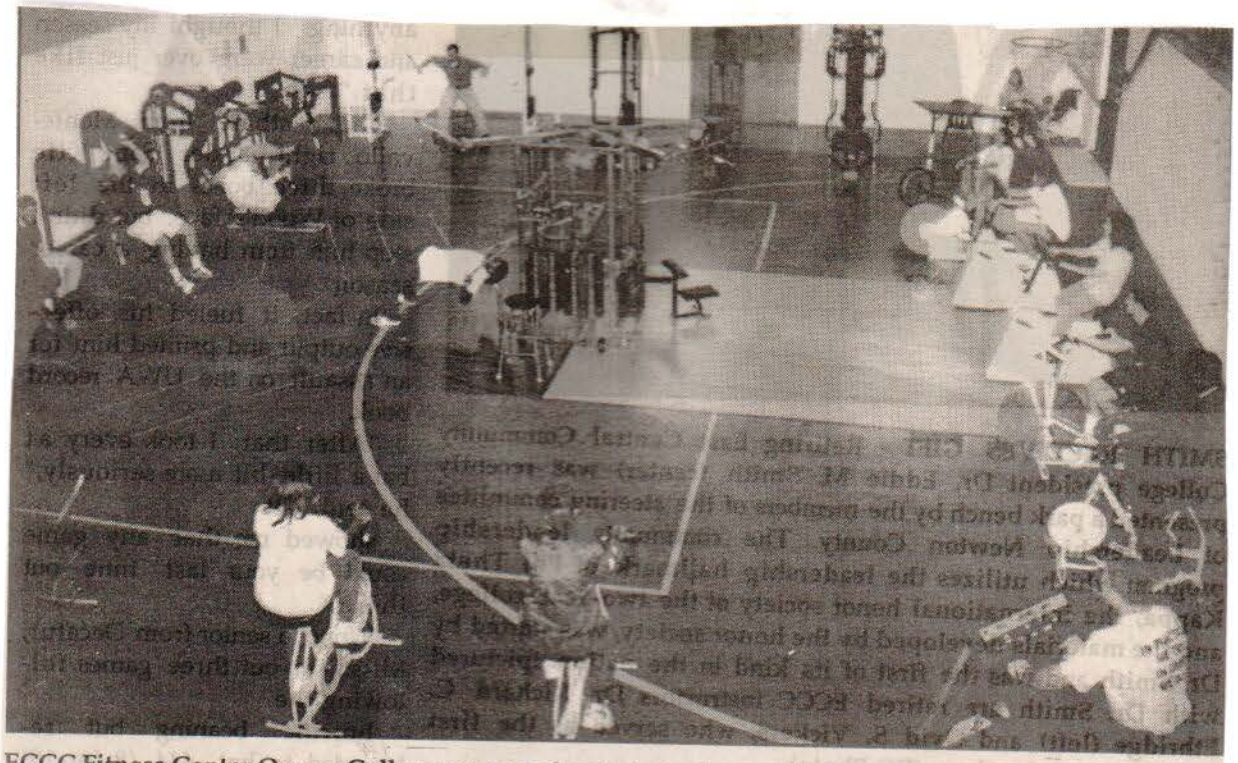

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Former ECCC players invited to May 5 banquet

The East Central Community College Players invite former cast and crew members from the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 to join current year members at the annual Players Award Banquet scheduled Friday, May 5 on the Decatur campus. Activities begin at 7 p.m. at the South Campus gymnasium.

Lila Hunt, ECCC Players sponsor and speech/theater instructor, invites the former musical and dinner theater participants to "join us for dinner, fun and memories."

Reservations should be made by noon Thursday, May 4.

For more information Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 241.

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

Outgoing ECCC president to be honored

By Austin Bishop / The Meridian Star
May 4, 2000

Email this story.

DECATUR - Dr. Eddie Smith, outgoing president of East Central Community College, will be honored with a special celebration at 2 p.m. Saturday on the campus of the two-year school.

The convocation will begin in Huff Auditorium and conclude with special ceremonies at the college's new student union building, earlier named in Smith's honor.

"The time has really gone by fast," said Dr. Smith, who is retiring after 15 years as president of East Central Community College. "It has been a lot of fun and I really don't know where the time went."

Smith, who graduated from East Central in 1963, became president of the school in the fall of 1985.

Since that time the school's enrollment has soared from 819 to 2,233 and the school's budget has swelled from $3.9 million to $19 million.

The Noxapater High School graduate went on to receive degrees from East Central, Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Before returning to ECCC to take over the school's leadership role, Smith served as either an instructor or administrator at the University of Southern Mississippi-Natchez, the Natchez campus of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and the main Wesson campus of Copiah-Lincoln, where he was dean of instruction from 1980-85.

Saturday's ceremonies are open to the public and food will be provided.

Scheduled to perform are the Ac'cents, the college's show choir; several faculty members; and the ECCC Brass Ensemble.

Among the speakers on the program are State Sen. Terry C. Burton, ECCC president-elect Dr. Phil Sutphin; ECCC Board of Trustees member Dr. Jack Winstead, former ECCC board chairman Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville and former ECCC instructors Ovid S. Vickers and Richard C. Ethridge.

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May 7, 2000

A well-deserved recognition

Retiring East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie Smith received a well-deserved salute by the ECCC family yesterday as the college's new student union facility was formally dedicated. The "Eddie M. Smith Student Union" is a significant brick-and-mortar acknowledgement of Dr. Smith's remarkable leadership of his alma mater.

This week Dr. Smith noted "Had it not been for East Central I would have never started out with my education. They made it possible for me to go to school."

Dr. Smith's education was a great investment for the taxpayers of the ECCC district and the state of Mississippi. During the past fifteen years, he led an exceptional transformation of the Decatur-based college.

During his tenure, East Central Community College has grown in both scope of programs and enrollment while remaining among the community college leaders in academic quality. The physical development of the Decatur campus has kept pace with enrollment and program growth.

Dr. Smith's leadership has extended beyond his college district to the entire state and region. He has served Mississippi's community and junior colleges in a variety of roles. He has given leadership to Mississippi's interests in issues of regional accreditation of colleges. He has received national accolades for his work with Phi Theta Kappa, the community college scholastic organization. He has remained close to his Newton County and Winston County roots.

East Central is a much better college because of his service. Our part of Mississippi is a better place to live because of his leadership at ECCC. The Meridian Star joins the East Central Community College family is saying "well done, Eddie Smith."

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n addition to the retirement East Central Community lege President Dr. Eddie M. ith, other members of the CC family will end their ers following the 1999-2000 n.

etirees include Raymond Mullan, Director of nissions, Records, and earch; his wife, Lois Mullan, Chairman of the ision of Mathematics and h instructor; Larry ckburn, Director of Workforce elopment; Al Bailey, Director the VIDS (Vocational ividualized Development) gram; and Betty Bennett ock, dorm supervisor. The staff members have over 125 rs of combined service on the atur campus.

Mr. McMullan will have com- ed 41 years of service in the l of education when he offi- ly retires in June, with 32 of e years served on the East tral campus. He spent nine rs at Decatur High School r to joining the ECCC staff.

'or McMullan, the highlight his career "is having the rtunity to meet just about y student who is enrolled at t Central." He added, ling with young people is of the most enjoyable things it education. I don't always o know each student person- but I do know their names. I also enjoyed assisting non- itional students who now esent a large portion of the ent body."

e continued, "I have also n pride in knowing that we been very careful in mak- sure the responsibilities of Admissions office are carried in an efficient manner. It's rtant for me to know that e done the best job possible rforming our duties."

to ECCC graduates on a regular basis.

Lois McMullan

"We administer a survey form to graduates each year, asking them to evaluate their education experience here at the College. We ask them the same questions five years later, and I'm pleased to say that the results have been very favorable," he stated.

Larry Blackburn

Through the years McMullan has been recognized by his peers as one of the most respected admissions directors in the state, evidenced by the fact he is a former president of MACRO, the Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars.

In addition to his duties in the admissions area, McMullan is completing his second stint as chairman of the College's Self-Study process, which the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires every 10 years in order for the College to maintain its accreditation.

Prior to serving in his present position, a post he has held for 14 years, McMullan served as the College's academic counselor. His duties also included working in the financial aid area.

While serving as academic counselor, McMullan organized and served as the first sponsor of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities.

Young Educator in Decatur.

Raymond McMullan

In reflecting on his career at East Central, McMullan noted he has witnessed several changes, especially in the area of enrollment and campus facilities.

Betty Adcock

"Our enrollment reached an all-time high this year (2228 last fall) and an increasing number of nontraditional students are enrolled in classes. Our evening class program has grown tremendously over the years, as over 600 students are currently taken advantage of night classes offered in Decatur and throughout the district. And, it has been great seeing new buildings being added to the campus," he said.

McMullan is a graduate of Stratton High School, ECCC and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received bachelor's and master's degree. He has completed additional studies at USM and Mississippi State University.

Regarding plans for retirement, McMullan said he and his wife, Lois, plan to travel, to become more involved in church work, to spend more time with their grandchildren, and to continue following the sports program and ECCC and USM. McMullan was recently inducted into the USM Alumni Hall of Fame.

Al Bailey

An avid tennis player, McMullan also wants to get involved in league play in the Ridgeland area, where they purchased a house last year, and vows not to let his recent heart surgery impede his plans. McMullan has fully recovered from multiple bypass surgery last fall.

Mrs. McMullan is completing 30 years at East Central. She also taught eight years on the high school level.

Although she eagerly anticipates her last day on the job, Mrs. McMullan said she greets retirement with "mixed feelings."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my teaching – the 30 years at East Central, the six years at Decatur High School, and the two years at Newton High School. I know I am going to miss teaching, but I am really looking forward to being more involved in the lives of my grandchildren," she stated.

Although known as one of the College's most respected math instructors, Mrs. McMullan actually began her career in education as an English instructor, having minored in the subject.

She later joined the faculty at Decatur High School, where she was recognized for excellence in the classroom, as she was twice selected STAR Teacher.

She joined the ECCC faculty in 1970, and through the years she has taught algebra, trigonometry and differential equations. More recently, she has also served as an instructor for the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Class. In addition, she serves as sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics. She is also a former sponsor of the Student Education Association.

Although she admits to being a person who "lives in the present" and does not dwell on the past or future, Mrs. McMullan reflected on the highlights of her career.

"The best thing for me has been the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people, especially the students. It has been a real pleasure to see the success of students, not only of the bright students but also of those who found that they could understand algebra and do well in the subject for perhaps the first time. It has really meant a lot to me through the years to see students setting goals, working hard to reach them, and succeeding in their chosen field. It has especially been gratifying to watch nontraditional students return to college and succeed," she said.

Although there have been many changes in academics

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In addition to helping students register for classes, McMullan's office is responsible for maintaining records and conducting research. He also certifies that student-athletes are qualified to participate in sports, and that veterans qualify and are certified for VA benefits. In

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Bailey honored at ECCC

DECATUR--Al Bailey (right), retiring Director of the VIDS (Vocational Individualized Development) program at East Central Community College in Decatur, was recently recognized for his many years of service to the College's VICA (Vocational Industrialized Clubs of America) organization. Shown presenting Bailey with a plaque of appreciation is club sponsor Lester Miles, the College's heating and air conditioning technology instructor. Bailey, a Scott County native, began his employment at ECCC in 1972. (EC Photo)

Blackburn honored by ECCC

DECATUR--Larry Blackburn (right), retiring Director of Workforce Development at East Central Community College, was recently honored for his many years of service to the College's VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) organization. Shown presenting Blackburn with a plaque of appreciation is club sponsor Lester Miles, the College's heating and air conditioning technology instructor. Blackburn began his employment at ECCC in 1975, when he was hired as an assistant for the VIDS (Vocational Individualized Development) program. He also taught carpentry and cabinetmaking for 16 years and served six years as workforce specialist. (EC Photo)

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EVERETT JOINS ECCC BOARD - Jessie M. Everett of Decatur was recently named to the Board of Directors of the East Central Community college Foundation, Inc. Everett, a retired member of the College's vocational-technical staff, is shown with David Howell (left) of Carthage, Foundation Board Chairman, and Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC dean of instruction and president-elect. Everett taught business education courses at the College from 1956 to 1989. She also served five years as business department chairman. Everett is a graduate of East Central Junior college and the University of Mississippi, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees. She is married to Decatur attorney Bobby Everett. (EC photo)

ECCC Theta Xi receives honors

Several honors were presented to ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, at the organization's annual convention held in Orlando. ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who serves as regional ambassador, was presented a Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award, which is presented to college presidents who have shown outstanding support of Phi Theta Kappa and are retiring from their careers. Dr. Smith will end 15 years of service at ECCC when he retires on June 30.

Former Theta Xi adviser Dr. Shelby Harris was one of 10 selected for the Alumni Hall of Honor. This award was based on his long-term "extraordinary" efforts to support Phi Theta Kappa on the local, regional and national levels.

Adviser Ann Burkes was named a recipient of the Mosal Award for Leadership, which is presented to only four advisers in recognition of outstanding service to the college and the community. The award is named for the society's late executive director emeritus, Dr. Margaret Mosal. The award carries a $2000 stipend that will be applied to the Stella W. Newsome Scholarship at ECCC.

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WEEK OF 5-15-2000

ECCC to honor McMullans

A reception honoring East Central Community College retirees Lois and Raymond McMullan will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, in the Gold Room of Mabry Cafeteria. Mrs. McMullan has taught mathematics at the College since 1970. She also served as instructor for the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Class and was sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students excelling in mathematics. In addition, she served the past year as chairman of the mathematics division. Mr. McMullan, who began his employment at ECCC in 1968, has served the past 14 years as Director of Admissions, Records and Research. He previously served as academic counselor and worked in the financial aid area. He also organized and served as the first sponsor of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities. In addition, Mr. McMullan is completing his second stint as chairman of the College's Self-Study process, which the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires every 10 years in order for the college to maintain its accreditation. In all, the McMullans have devoted almost 80 years of service to the field of education.

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EC retirees honored

Plaques of appreciation and various gifts were presented to the above retirees at East Central Community College in Decatur who received special recognition at the College's annual end-of-the-year dinner held in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. From left are Larry Blackburn, director of workforce development; Betty Adcock, dorm supervisor; Al Bailey, director of VIDS (Vocational Individualized Development System); Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president; Lois McMullan, mathematics instuctor and division chairman; and Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records and research. The six retirees have accumulated over 160 years of service in the field of education.

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WEEK OF 5-15-2000

Attend EC seminar

Estate planning and legal aspects of small business were topics of a workshop held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. Among the approximately 60 attendees were, from left, David Howell of Carthage, president, ECCC Foundation: Jack Winstead of Lawrence, vice chairman, ECCC Board of Trustees; Attorney Steve Stubblefield, workshop leader from Flowood; James Vance of Meridian, president, ECCC Alumni Association; and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC dean of instruction and president-elect.

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ECCC receives honors at PHI THETA KAPPA convention

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WEEK OF 5-15-2000

ECCC schedules five summer orientations

East Central Community College will offer five orientation sessions this summer for students who plan to attend classes for the 2000 fall term.

The third annual Honors Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, June 8 for students who have a 24 or above ACT (American College Test) score and those selected STAR students, valedictorians and salutatorians.

Also invited are members o the National Beta Club anc other national honor societies.

Additional orientation ses sions will be held Saturday, Junc 17; Thursday, June 29 Wednesday, July 12; anc Saturday, Aug. 5.

During orientation, students will receive their approved clas schedules for the fall semeste and have photographs made fo their identification cards.

Orientation also provides ar opportunity for students tc become familiar with campu facilities and avoid the feeling o being a "stranger" when they arrive in the fall.

Randall Lee, ECCC Dean o Students, said, "Summer orientation is the first step in the college process and this is the first real college experience students have after high school graduation."

He added, "Orientation serves as a time to become acquainted with other new students whc will be attending East Central.

It also provides opportunity for students to meet with administrators, faculty and staff members, and current ECCC students."

To complete entrance requirements, students must have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: 1) A completed application for admission; 2) An ACT (American College Test) score (academic/technical students only; does not apply to vocational students); 3) High school transcript; and 4) College transcript(s) if a transfer student.

(Those who need to take the ACT may contact Michael

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Alexander, academic counselor.)

Lee said, "The only charge to complete the orientation process is a $50 registration fee which is applied toward tuition costs for the fall semester. Students who have documented scholarships that cover this fee do not have to pay the registration.

However, we highly encourage everyone to pay all their fees prior to Aug. 1. Those who have not paid all fees must attend the final registration on Aug. 11 and could possibly have to stand in long lines to complete the process."

He also stressed it is not necessary for students to know their major before attending orientation.

Lunch is provided in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria compliments of East Central.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the orientation activities and join students for a complimentary lunch.

For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, ph. 635-2111, ext. 204 or 205, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

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Dr. Eddie M. Smith, seated on a yard and garden tractor presented to him as a retirement gift, and Dr. Phil Sutphin, president-elect of East Central Community College.

ECCC student union named for Dr. Smith

East Central Community College recently honored Dr. Eddie M. Smith, retiring president, with a dedication ceremony naming the new ECCC student union building in his honor.

The convocation was held in Huff Auditorium and was followed by a dedication ceremony at the new student union facility.

Among participants in the special program were H.B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, former ECCC board of trustees chairman and current member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, current ECCC board chairman; Dr. Phil Sutphin, ulty members Ovid S. Vickers, retired chairman of the Division of Communication and Fine Arts, and Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, retired chairman of the Social Studies Division.

Special music was provided by the Ac'cents, the college show choir; the ECCC Brass Ensemble; and music faculty members Leesa Wilkinson, Tonya Kirk and Ross Price.

Dr. Smith has led his alma mater since 1985. His retirement is effective June 30, and comes following nearly 36 years of service in the field of education.

During the ceremony dedicating the Student Union Building, Dr. Phil Sutphin presented

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Flashback

East Central Junior College Hall of Fame – May, 1988

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WEEK OF MAY 29, 2000

Labor Department Official to Speak at ECCC Workshop

Arna Miller, an official from the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, will be the guest speaker at a workshop scheduled Thursday, June 1, 2000, at East Central Community College in Decatur. The two-hour program begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building.

Sponsored by the College's Small Business Development Center, the workshop will address wage and hour reporting and regulations. Miller's comments will center on regulations regarding overtime pay, child labor relations and the Family Medical Leave Act.

Reservations for seating should be made by May 30, 2000. For more information, contact Ronald Be. Westbrook, SBDC Director, Phone 635-2111 or toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 297, or call Virgie Thames, assistant, Phone 635-2111 or toll free, ,1-877-462-3222, ext. 296.

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SPECIAL ECCC VISITORS - Newton County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were special luncheon guests at the May meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. Pictured are (first row, from left) Daphne Luckett, purchasing agent; Bubba Bonds, District Four supervisor; Jimmy Johnson, District Five supervisor; and James Smith, District Two supervisor; (second row, from left) Danny Clearman, Board attorney; George Hayes, Chancery Clerk; Milton Smith, District Three supervisor; and Kenneth Harris, District One supervisor; and (back row, from left) ECCC trustees Beverly Hart of Union, Jack Winstead (vice-chairman) of Lawrence, Bill Thames of Newton, Gary McDill of Conehatta, Dr. Danny Lanier of Little Rock and Robert Blount of Union. (EC Photo)

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Many attend graduation at E.C.J.C. 50 years ago

75 Years Ago - May 29, 1925

Bevil Hill News: Mr. N. M. Bradford returned Sunday from Dallas, Texas, where he attended the old soldiers' reunion the past week.

Noxapater News: Mr. H. B. Caperton is the latest Buick purchaser.

Noxapater News: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Price were called to Philadelphia Monday by the death of Mrs. Price's brother, Mr. Hunter Farish, who died suddenly at his home there Sunday.

Noxapater News: Miss Eunice Hickman, whose school at Zama closed last week, is at home to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moody of Pine Bluff, Ark. are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Scrivener here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, with their little niece, Mary Prisock, are here visiting Mr. Bradley's mother and sister, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Berry.

Mr. G. W. E. Bennett visited his sons, William and Phil, and daughter, Mrs. Fred Nabors in Birmingham last week. Phil graduates from Birmingham-Southern this year.

Mayor Brantley, Aldermen J. W. Howard, W. F. Woodward, and W. T. Wesson and W. T. Fulton, are on a pavement inspection trip to Dallas, Texas.

Louis Taunton

Backward Glances

Miss Bessie Gladney of Weir is visiting her sister, Mrs. Boyd McMillin, this week.

Lamar McMillin sends us a kind invitation to attend his graduating exercises at Yazoo City High School.

Ellison Ridge News: Miss Tillie Murff who has been teaching at the McComb City High School was the delightful guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edd Haggard Monday night, enroute to her home in Houston.

50 Years Ago - May 26, 1950

Mrs. Mary Triplett had as Mother's Day guests her brothers and sister, Rev. B. T. Wallace of Shreveport, La., Walker Wallace of this county, and Mrs. Jodie Morgan of Sturgis. These are the last surviving members of a family of nine. Also visiting Mrs. Triplett were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Triplett and Anne of the Shady Grove Community and Mr. and Mrs. J. David Doss and John Albert of Brooksville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Myers of Derma were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tilghman, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Coggins spent two days at Marion Military Institute, Marion, Ala. where they attended graduation exercises and accompanied their son, Douglas, home.

Among those attending graduation exercises and May Day at E.C.J.C. Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Redd and Nancy Lou, and Mrs. G. A. Addkison and Elwyn. Pruitt Calvert and Dwight Addkison were among the graduates.

Mrs. Robert Patterson left Thursday for her home at Kansas City, Mo., after spending three weeks here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kinard. She was accompanied home by her son, Bob Patterson, a student at Ole Miss last session.

Mr. and Mrs. HErman Reed of Jerome, Idaho are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kirk.

A wedding of interest to their many friends occurred May 19, when Miss Dorothy Suttle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Suttle of Mashulaville, became the bride of Bobby McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKay of Louisville. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. R. D. Pearson of Macon.

WEEK OF June 5, 2000

Supervisors get visit from new ECCC prez

Routine housekeeping matters dominated the Leake County Board of Supervisors meeting Monday.

An exception was a visit by Phil Sutphin, who will become president of East Central Community College on July 1

Accompanied by Leake County representatives to the community college's board of trustees, Jerry Moore and Silas O'Neal, Sutphin gave the college's annual report to the board and made a millage request for the new budget year.

The request, unchanged from last year, was 2.5 mills for maintenance and 1.5 mills for enlargement.

Other matters

Leake County's Junior Miss Amy Rawson was granted $450 for a full page advertisement in the State Junior Miss pageant program.

Insurance

Melvin Wooten and Aubrey Cox, representing Carthage-Cox Insurance Agency, submitted a proposal for blanket coverage of all county property for the year beginning June 1.

The cost, including coverage of the regional jail, came to $77,445. Of this amount, $56,397 was for county; $21,048 for the jail.

Their proposal was taken under advisement to compare costs, and the board's decision will be announced when the board returned to session Wednesday morning.

Grant application

Board approval was given to Ronnie Sharp, assistant 911 coordinator, to apply for a $2,000 grant from the Mississippi Forestry Commission, for volunteer fi assistance.

Discussion was also given appointing Sharp as the cou ty's safety coordinator at a late date.

Water lines

Approval was also given to Freeny Water Association for right-of-way easements for the installation of new water lines.

Old fines

The board voted to by-pass justice court judges and allow constables to collect justice court fines six months old or older.

June meetings

After returning at 10 a.m. Wednesday for an East Central Planning and Development District mapping program, the board's next regular June meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. June 19.

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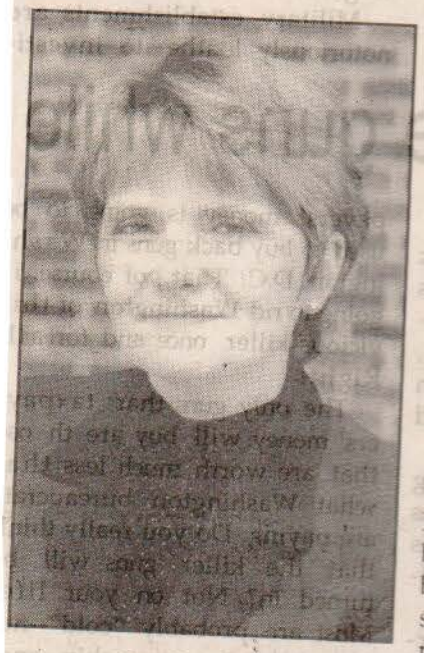
Luke Begins Duties As ECCC Admission Director



Donna Luke

Donna Luke of Philadelphia was recently named Director of Admissions, Records and Research at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Luke, who began her new duties on May 1, 2000, was previously employed as Bureau Director f Compliance and Reporting and Resource Management for the Mississippi State Department of Education in Jackson. She is also a former teacher for the Neshoba County and Philadelphia school districts. In all, she has 25 years of experience in the field of education as a teacher/administrator or administrator.

A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, Luke received a bachelor of science degree in business education from Mississippi University for Women, a master of education degree in vocational education from Mississippi State University and an education specialist degree in education technology from MSU.

Luke has a son, Barry Richardson, who is a senior at MSU.

She is the daughter of Jane and Argie Luke of Nanih Waiya.

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Burkes Receives Prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Award

Ann Burkes

Ann Burkes, co-advisor fro East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, was recently presented the Society's Mosal Award for Leadership. Burkes received the prestigious honor at the organization's annual convention held in Orlando, Florida.

This year, Mosal awards were presented to only four advisors representing Phi Theta Kappa's 1200 two-year colleges from around the world. The award, presented in recognition of outstanding service programs assisting two-year colleges and surrounding communities, is named for the Society's late executive director emeritus, Dr. Margaret Mosal.

The award carries a $2000 stipend that Burkes has designated to be applied to the Stella W. Newsome Scholarship at ECCC. Only chapter advisors or regional coordinators who previously received a Giles Distinguished Advisor Award or Regional Coordinator Award are eligible to apply for the Mosal Award.

Burkes has served as head librarianat East Central for the past 31 years. She has also had a long-time association with Phi Theta Kappa - she became a member of the Society in 1963 while a student at ECCC. In addition to her role as Theta Xi chapter co-advisor, Burkes served a term on the Advisory Board for the Mississippi/Louisiana Regional. regarding her association with ECCC and Phi Theta Kappa, Burkes said, "I am extremely fortunate to have the total support of the administration, faculty and staff of the College and the same support from my husband (Roger). This support, combined with the opportunity to work with some of the most talented and dedicated students found anywhere, make being an advisor for Theta Xi one of the joys of my life."

Burkes also expressed her feelings about receiving the Mosal Award.

"Many thoughts ran through my mind as I realized my name had been called to receive the Mosal Award. I felt a deep sense of appreciation for the trust placed in me to use the stipend to help with scholarships for students at East Central. The funds I receive will be added to a scholarship named in honor of Theta Xi's founding advisor, Mrs. Stella Newsome. The scholarship is presented annually to a student to assist with his or her financial needs during the sophomore year of study."

In addition to Burkes, [illegible] ECCC President Dr. Eddie [illegible] Smith, who served as Regional Ambassador, received a Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award, and former Theta Xi co-advisor Dr. Shelby Harris was named to the Alumni Hall of Honor. Theta Xi was also recognized for being ranked 54th of the 49 chapters submitting Hallmark Award entries inteh annual competition.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa serves 1200 two-year colleges around the world. The Society's operations are global in scope with chapters located in all 50 United States, U.S. Territories, Canada, Germany and Japan. Nearly 1.5 million students have earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa since its founding, with more than 80,000 students inducted each year.

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CONDUCT ECCC DIAMOND WEEK - East Central Community College recently held its annual "Diamond Week", a four-day baseball camp on the Decatur campus. Serving as camp instructors were, front row, from left - ECCC baseball players Justin Reed of Winston Academy and Kris Moore of Taylorsville; and former Diamond Warrior and Belhaven College standouts Ron Perkins of Louisville and Brian Bishop of Hickory; Jamie Clark, ECCC head baseball coach; former ECCC and Louisiana Tech standout Dan Gressett of Lake; and Eric Stokes of Jackson, a graduate assistant at Belhaven College. Seventy area athletes attended camp this year.

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WEEK OF June 26, 2000

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Registration for the second four-week summer term at East Central

School Digest

Community College in Decatur will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, in Newton Hall, Room 60. Classes begin on the same day and continue through July 28.

Courses offered during first period include Physical Science Survey II and Lab, English Composition II, General Biology II and Lab, Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab, General Chemistry II and Lab, Oral Communication, College Algebra and Microcomputer Applications.

Course offerings during second period include English Literature II, Finite Math, Music Appreciation, World Civilization I, American History II and Introduction to Sociology.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. Interested residents can also call 635-2111 or (877) GO-2-ECCC.

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Jones Junior College's Forestry Department is hosting four workshops.

Understanding Legal Descriptions Course 1 will meet on Thursday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in the JCJC Forestry Department, in the Life Science Building. Diana J. Knight and Jim Walley will be teaching the course. The cost is $130. Participants will need to bring a calculator.

The course will cover the following: definitions of different legal documents. (Warranty Deed, Quit-Claim Deed, Special Warranty Deed, etc.); the rectangular survey system (NEI/4 of NEI/4), how it was created, and understanding it; how to read legal descriptions written in the rectangular survey language; and the basics of metes and bounds descriptions.

Certificates will be given upon completion. Class size is limited to 20 people.

Practical Computer Applications in Forestry-An Overview will be held Tuesday, July 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop will be held in the JCJC, C.L. Neill Building, Room 217. The cost is $40.

Topics covered in the workshop include: how new forest inventory software can help you get better information for less time and cost; how field computers work, and how they can save you money; which mapping programs will get the job done for you; and the differences between GIS, GPS, and CD-ROM topo maps.

Forest Inventory & Cruising Using Two Dog for Windows will be held Wednesday, July 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in the JCJC Forestry Department. The registration fee is $60.

The workshop agenda is as follows: introduction to computerized forest inventory; inventory software basics; customizing the software set-up to meet your needs; the importance of cruise statistics; computers in the field; and advanced options in forest inventory.

Quality Forestry Mapping Using FORS/Map for Windows will be held Thursday, July 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop will be held in the JCJC Forestry Department. The registration fee is $60.

Topics covered in the workshop are: introduction to desktop mapping systems; an overview of FORS/map; exercises in building a map using aerial photos and other maps; adding forest features to a map; and exercises in map composition and analysis.

CFE credits can be applied for.

Call Cindy Myrick at 477-4114 or Jim Walley at 477-4173 for more information.

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Scott County officials visit East Central

Scott County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were special luncheon guests at the June meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jackie Bradford, District One Supervsor; Buford Palmer, District Three Supervisor; Myra Murrell-Davis, Tax Collector; Tim Sorey, District Two Supervisor; and Billy Frank Alford, Chancery Clerk; (middle row, from left) trustees Annie Stowers of Forest, Rebecca Farris and Vernon Crotwell, both of Morton; Bruce McMillan, District Five Supervisor; and (top row, from left) trustees Bingham Moncrief of Morton, Scott County Superintendent of Education, Tommy Harrison of.Forest and A.F. Hollingsworth of Lake.

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Hutchisons visit ECCC

East Central Community College alumni Myrtle and Lebrun Hutchison (Class of 1949) of Littleton, Colorado, recently visited their alma mater and are shown with Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction and president-elect. Mr. Hutchison, a Neshoba County native, and his wife, the former Myrtle Fikes of Scott County, met with Dr. Sutphin to discuss plans for the Homecoming 2000 observance scheduled Saturday, October 7. They are also shown reviewing a new brochure regarding the College's plans for a proposed $2.5 million athletic field house.

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Moore Named Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow

Wanda Moore, instructor of economics, has been named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow for the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team at East Central Community College. Active on more than 700 college campuses in 48 states and 15 countries, SIFE encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, and to use their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach projects.

Under the direction of Ms. Moore, the ECCC SIFE Team presented its educational outreach projects at the 2000 Special Competition in the 2-year division, and earned cash awards totaling $2,500. Teams were judged on the effectiveness of their projects during a 25-minute presentation and evaluated on creativity and innovation, results of education programs, success in utilizing resources and documentation of activities.

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Ray: Keeping community colleges

By Marianne Todd

The Meridian Star

While the role of Mississippi community colleges is growing, one constant remains — people continue to enroll in the smaller schools for their quality of teaching, low tuition and close connections to students, family and community.

"Community colleges are very diversified. We are finding now that our mission is being defined and expanded," said Dr. Olon Ray, executive director of the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. "We are going beyond traditional training programs, vocational, technical and then our initial transfer to baccalaureate degrees into lifelong learning."

Star Editorial Board

Ray met with The Meridian Star's editorial board Friday to discuss the role of community colleges, their impact and recent litigation involving competition with four-year universities.

Ray said one of the basic challenges two-year colleges have is continuing to communicate about quality, class size and the advantages two-year students have over students who begin their schooling at the university level.

"I always have a concern that there are large numbers of people who do not truly understand and appreciate the high-quality academic work that is done in community colleges... It's a message that gets obscured sometimes."

Ray said research shows students who transfer to four-year colleges after attending community colleges have higher grade point averages than their counterparts.

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"We have freshmen and sophomore level faculty who are devoted exclusively to teaching, and they are some of the best teachers in the business. But it's not just that. There is a personal connection where they know you, and most of the time, they care about you. There is a connectivity there, and there also is a student accountability factor.

"I think it makes a difference, a positive difference. But I also have seen large educational institutions that are large enough that the predominant atmosphere is very personal and there is a sense of community, loyalty and pride."

critics.

"I think we have taken a very courageous position in going to the courts on the issue. We find ourselves in a position we'd rather not be in, but one we need to be involved in. Everything we did was designed to avoid a lawsuit. We waited until the last minute, until the announcement that USM was going to start to enroll students and hire faculty on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," Ray said.

"Then we also made a very significant decision in that we were going to pay for the lawsuit ourselves. It was not going to be a public expenditure. We are currently in the business of raising money to pay our attorney; on the other side, the state is supporting the cost of the university doing that."

Ray said with 23 institutions of higher learning in the state, competitiveness between community colleges and four-year universities forces a revenue division and a duplication of services.

globe can enter the system through a "portal" institution and take as many classes at as many community colleges as they choose.

During spring semester, virtual community college had about 1,500 students enrolled. During the summer, 1,000 students were enrolled. One student takes classes on line from Singapore, he said.

"We now have more than 70 sections being taught by 50 faculty members," Ray said. "In the fall semester, we will have more than 200 sections and enrollment could go up.

"We have not marketed our programs, and frankly, I'm afraid to. We're trying to be sure we do this right and address the quality issue and don't grow too fast and let the number be the driving force.

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ages about 40 percent less than at four-year schools.

"There is a perception problem in that we do not have the trappings or flamboyance the universities have — but the performance is there.

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The competitiveness among colleges has recently forced the board to take issues to court.

When the University of Southern Mississippi announced they would hire faculty and enroll students for freshman- and sophomore-level courses at a Gulf Coast campus, Ray's board became one of 38 plaintiffs to stop the move.

"The law is very clear on this issue. It simply says universities may not offer off campus low-level courses without the approval of the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges," Ray said.

The nature between the two entities needs to be complementary, rather than competitive, he said. The danger is duplication of course offerings, and too much competition for the same pool of students. The issue has its share of supporters — and

"We have a community college system. We don't need a university system to compete with it. That's essentially where we are. We don't have the kind of money to pay for the duplication that will come out of this. That's just the bottom line. We draw the line in the sand, because it would be a precedent."

Ray said community colleges also are changing in that they now offer "virtual community college," a system of on-line courses designed so anyone, anywhere, can attend classes.

Students from around the

"We have a really outstanding strong faculty who is teaching out of the virtual community college. They are some of the most creative and talented people I have ever seen."

Out-of-state virtual college students still have to pay out-of-station tuition, but they are not constrained by geographical borders, time and space.

"When people become acquainted with a community college they want their children and friends to go because they understand the quality issue and cost issue. If you look at those two things there is a very strong case for making the decision to go to community college," Ray said.

Marianne Todd is a staff writer for The Meridian Star. E-mail her at mtodd@meridianstar.com.

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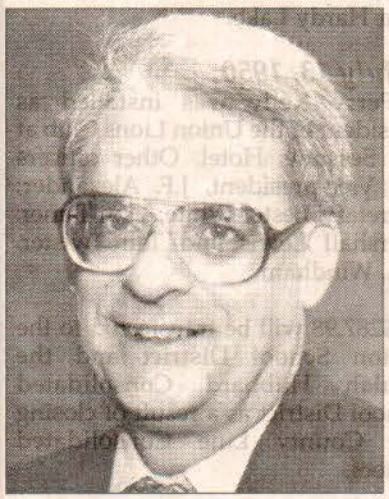
Dr. Phil Sutphin says EC budget is 'conservative'

The Newton County board of supervisors heard a budget request from the new president of East Central Community College, Dr. Phil Sutphin.



Dr. Phil Sutphin

Sutphin became the ECCC president on June 30 when former president Dr. Eddie Smith retired. Sutphin said he planned to carry on with the work that Smith started.

"We are fiscally sound and have a conservative budget," said Sutphin. "We were cut back on the state level ($78,000) this year, but it was not as significant as some of the other two-year colleges."

The EC enrollment was 2,228 in the fall semester, a record for the school. "Our recruiters are out hot and heavy over the five-county district. Getting them ready to come in the fall."

Sutphin said he was proud of the school's nursing programs, which graded out at 100% passing for the school year.

The Eddie M. Smith student union and the Emma C. Barber residence hall were completed the past year.

The Fitness Trail was also completed in the past year. "If you want to meet anybody, just show up there about 6:30 in the morning or 8:00 in the evening. It's full." The state furnished money for the student union; a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture helped complete the residence hall and a grant from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks furnished the financing for the fitness trail.

ECCC is also doing the job academically. According to Sutphin the college has the number one retention rate of all the community colleges sending their students to four-year schools.

Newton countians make up roughly 28% of the schools' enrollment. Neshoba County was second with 481 students; Scott County was third with 355 students; Leake County was fourth with 270 students and Winston County had 248 students. In-district enrollment accounted for 88% of the total students.

"We do appreciate the support

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that you continue to give us," said Sutphin.

Sutphin maintains his own home, said Jack Winstead, ECCC board member. The president's home is being used now for a Dean of Students home. Sutphin gets a housing allowance.

Newton County supports ECCC with a 2.25 mill tax levy and a 1.5 mill improvement fund levy.

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ECCC scholarships available for nontraditional students

Various types of financial assistance continue to be available for adults who attend East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services.

Lee said scholarships for nontraditional students are still being offered for the 2000 fall term, but added the deadline for application is nearing. Those who qualify for the scholarships include Mississippi residents age 23 or oder who enroll full-time on the Decatur campus after having earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours as a full-time or part-time student at East Central.

The deadline for application is August 3, 2000. For more information contact the Student Services office, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375.

East Central also continues to offer its "First Course Free" program to qualified applicants.

"Any adult in the five-county district who has not previously enrolled in college and who otherwise meets entrance requirements, may take the first college credit course free of charge at any class location in the district," said Gene Davis, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education.

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For more information contact the Student Services office, ext. 345.

Four scholarships are available through the Homebuilders Association of Mississippi for individuals who plan to enter the College's carpentry program during the fall 2000 semester.

For more information contact John Adcock, Dean of Vocational-Technical Instruction, ext. 211.

To qualify for the special program, applicants must be at least 21 years of age; have received their high school or GED (General Education Development) diplomas; and been out of high school for more than one year.

The $50 per semester hour fee is waived for the first course only.

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, extensions 278 or 279.

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game in 1959.

He joined the staff at Hinds Community College in 1978. He has been named Alumnus of the Year by Delta State, Mississippi State and East Central Community College.

Muse received his masters and doctorate from MSU.

There are many honors that coaches can receive in their careers.

Many are symbolic. Most of the time the coach whose team wins the district, conference or league title winds up being named the coach of the year.

But with something like the Hall of Fame it is different.

Here, the inductees are being honored by their peers for a lifetime of service, not just one good season where they happened to have the talent.

Faulkner's record is a great example of that.

He built an absolute powerhouse at Okolona High School.

He coached the Chieftans to six division crowns and four bowl games. He has posted 166 wins in his career.

Faulkner is also very involved in the MAC and the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

He just spent a week in Minnesota as part of an MHSAA committee and is very involved in seeing that the organizations move forward.

True, he hasn't had the best of seasons the last couple of years at Quitman High School, but that's not because he can't coach. It has just been one of those things.

To me, Faulkner has an even bigger honor than the plaque he will receive tonight.

That honor has a name. It is Dennis Grubbs. For more than 20 years Grubbs has been an assistant coach for Faulkner.

That's all I need to know. If one man will work for another one that long, including making a move, it means that the boss is someone special.

Austin Bishop is a staff writer for The Meridian Star. E-mail him at abishop@meridian star.com

Faulkner, Muse enter Hall tonight

Tonight will be one to remember for a pair of men with local connections.

Clyde Muse and Charles Faulkner are two of five who will be inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame tonight at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson.

Muse, currently the president of Hinds Community College, is a former superintendent of schools in Meridian.

Austin Bishop

He also played his junior college basketball at what was then East Central Junior College in Decatur, where he was captain of the team and also student body president.

Faulkner is currently the head football coach at Quitman High School.

He coached Okolona for 15 seasons and led the Chieftans to perfect regular seasons in 1987, 1988, 1991 and 1993 and a Class 2A State Championship in 1993.

Joining Faulkner and Muse in the MAC Hall of Fame class of 2000 are Gerald Austin, Farris Jenkins and Malcolm Kuykendall.

The five new inductees run the total of members in the Hall to 152, with 141 of those being lifetime members and 11 honorary members.

The Hall of Fame was created in 1973.

Muse is better known by most people as a top-flight administrator, but has some strong coaching history as well.

Muse attended Sebastopol High School where he was a basketball standout. After leaving East Central he moved on to Delta State where he was captain of the basketball team and student body vice president.

During his 10-year coaching career he won 177 games and led Starkville to the Little 10, North State and the AAA State Championships during the 1960-61 season. He also coached in the Mis-

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Completes training program

Certificates were recently presented to the above staff members for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia who completed an Administrative Skills Training program coordinated by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown are (seated, from left) DeAnna McMillian, Emilee Denson, Crystal Bell, Audrey Sam and Sally Willis; and (standing, from left) instructor Sandra Parr of Noxapater, Louvia Solomon, Lisa M. Charlie, Amanda Tubby and Margaret Henry. Not shown are Jacklin Velasco, Melinda Jean Hickman, Brenda John, Annette R. Kizer and Cassandra M. Twiss.

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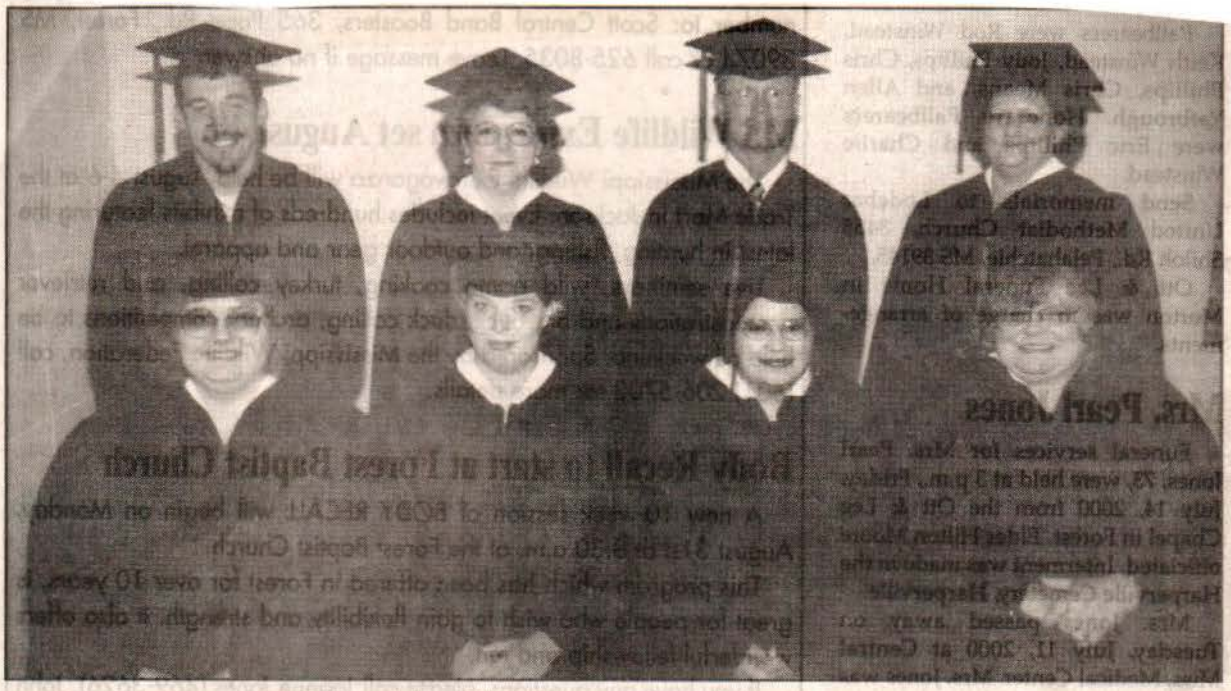

EC holds GED graduation ceremony

East Central Community College in Decatur recently held its annual GED (General Education Development) Graduation Ceremony in recognition of area students who completed requirements for their high school equivalency diploma. Among those recognized at the special program were the above graduates from Scott County who include (seated from left) Jessica Kyzar of Morton, Frankie Bryan of Forest, and Gabriel Flores and Jane Brown, both of Morton; and (standing from left) Lance Renfroe and Velma Thompson, both of Leesburg, and Richard Gregory and Patsy Porter, both of Morton. For more information regarding the College's Adult Basic Education Program, contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 278.

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Ex-ECCC, MCC standout heads to Henderson

DECATUR — Former East Central and Meridian Community College outfielder Toby Pinson has signed a national letter-of-intent to play for Henderson State (Ark.) University.

Pinson, of Little Rock, spent one season each with the aforementioned schools, leading the Diamond Warriors in hitting during the 2000 season.

Pinson

Pinson, (5-11, 203) a Newton County Academy grad who also played at Newton County High, compiled a .366 batting average included with two home runs, 11 doubles and 25 RBIs.

He was named to the All-Region 23 and All-State squads, as well as East Central's outstanding offensive player.

"I am very proud of Toby for being able to extend his academic and baseball career," ECCC head baseball coach Jamie Clark said. "He had an opportunity to sign with larger colleges, but he made a mature decision and decided to go to a place where they have a solid and upcoming program. He should make an immediate impact at Henderson State."

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ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin acknowledges acceptance of a $100,000 grant from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to extend the College's existing recreational/study trail. At left is Ellis Taylor, grants coordinator for the state agency.

ECCC receives Grant to extend Fitness Trail

East Central Community College in Decatur has been approved to receive a $100,000 grant that will extend an existing recreational/study trail to include an area around the College lake, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin said the College's application for national recreational trails funding assistance was approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. He said $80,000 (or 80 percent) will be provided through the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and the remaining $20,000 (or 20 percent) will come from ECCC in a matching amount.

East Central received official approval of the grant from Ellis Taylor, grants coordinator with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, who recently met with College officials on the Decatur campus.

trail part of the College's Urban Forestry Outdoor Classroom. The grant application also included a proposal to construct a pavilion at the lake.

Dr. Sutphin said the grant will give a "tremendous boost" to the East Central campus and students from the five-county district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

"The funds for this very worthwhile project will give us a new way to educate as well as recreate. Thousands of students and community members will benefit from this grant, both now and for the foreseeable future. We sincerely appreciate the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for approving our grant application, and look forward to the implementation of this award," Dr. Sutphin said.

The new trail will be 3/4 mile in length and will connect to the existing fitness trail. It will also be paved, lighted, handicapped accessible and will include a wooden walkway over the south end of the lake. In addition, the path will feature the labeling of trees and vegetation with their scientific and common names, making the

The College completed its Arboretum/Outdoor Classroom Project last fall, which provided additional landscaping at the fitness trail. The project was funded through an Urban an community Forestry Grant from the Mississippi Forestry Commission in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, the Southern Group of State Foresters and with private donations. The project was officially named in honor of the Day family, whose members also provided funding.

As part of the project, more than 300 trees were planted on the ECCC campus and 123 of those trees were labeled with both their scientific and common names. A campus botanical guide containing pictures, information, and a map showing locations of specific trees was also completed as part of the project.

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Ronald Westbrook

Small Business Development Center - ECCC

Ronald Westbrook has served as the director of the Small Business Development Center at East Central Community College since its inception in 1994. He had previously been associated with the banking industry for more than 15 years. The SBDC program provides free one-on-one counseling to individuals interested in starting their own business and those entrepreneurial individuals already in business.

Topic: Starting and Managing a Business and how to manage cash flow issues.

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Being In the Same ECCC Class No Problem for Mother and Son

DECATUR--Barbara Evans of Lawrence always knew what her son, Keith, did in psychology class at East Central Community College without even asking him. No, she does not possess psychic powers; nor did she have access to a video of each class meeting. She simply received her information by being in the class herself, as a full-time student.

Although it was not the first time she and her son were placed in the same class at East Central, having a parent and child in the same class was a "first" for longtime ECCC psychology instructor Alice Pouncey.

Pouncey, an ECCC faculty

Barbara Evans (seated at left) and her son Keith (right), both of Lawrence, were classmates in a psychology course taught this summer by Alice Pouncey (standing) at East Central Community College. Pouncey said Mrs. Evans and her son represented the first parent and child to be enrolled together in one of her classes. Pouncey has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1969. (EC Photo)

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member since 1969, said Mrs. Evans and Keith were among the 15 students who took her psychology course offered during the first four-week summer term on the Decatur campus. She said both were "ideal students" and got along "quite well" in class together.

"They were both good students and a joy to teach. Mrs. Evans participated in more class discussions than her son, probably because Keith may have been a little shy in answering questions with his mother being in the classroom. Then again I don't know of too many students who would be comfortable with a parent being in the same class!" Pouncey stated.

As Pouncey stated, both Mother and son were good students, as Mrs. Evans made an "A" in the course and Keith came away with a "B."

For Mrs. Evans, completing the psychology course meant more than just receiving a three-hour credit: it represented a dream come true. She can now consider herself a college graduate, having completed requirements for a one year certificate in computer operations. She is obviously very proud of her accomplishment.

"It is a wonderful feeling to know that I have done something I have wanted to do for along time. I feel like I have really accomplished something. I just feel great!" Mrs. Evans stated.

"When I would get a little down about my studies, Gabriella would say to me, `Mama, you can do it; I make straight "As" in first grade and I know you can do it, too!'"

She also received encouragement from her son, Eric Evans, who graduated from ECCC in 1998, and son Kenneth, Keith's twin brother, who is employed at Tyson Foods in Forest.

Mrs. Evans added that she and Keith would sometimes study together and often discussed the previous lecture. Keith said he did not really feel "too much" pressure being in the same class with his mother, and that he really enjoyed the experience.

Mrs. Evans said she first began taking college courses in the fall of 1997, after the company where she worked was forced to close. She had heard about East Central's "Try College Free" program and decided to take advantage of the opportunity. (The unique program allows for adult students who qualify to take their first college course at no charge. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education.)

She later worked part-time for a convalescent home, then decided to become a full-time student prior to the 1999 fall semester. Now that she has completed degree requirements, she is pursuing a career in her field.

She added, "Things did get tough from time to time, but I was able to work my way through it by trusting in the Lord and not giving up. I also received help from a close friend, Annynese Edwards of Lawrence, who is also pursuing a degree at East Central," she said.

Mrs. Evans said she also received a lot of inspiration from her eight-year old daughter, Gabriella.

As for Keith, who is also p ing a degree in computer op tions, his goat is to graduat the 2001 spring semester. In dition to his studies, he enj being part of a gospel sing group whose members incl his twin brother Kenneth al with Craig Brown, Aaron Ev Travis Evans and Rac McCoy.

But he admits his main goal i earn his college degree.

"My mother has really been inspiration to me. She proved could do it, and I know I can it, too."

Mrs. Evans and Keith often studied their psychology lesson togeth which obviously had positive results. Mrs. Evans completed the cou with an "A" and Keith came away with a "B." (EC Photo)

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Educators receive promotions, honors

Sutphin

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Prior to joining the ECCC staff in 1988, Dr. Sutphin was assistant director of student affairs at Concord College in Athens, West Virginia. He earlier served as director of financial aid and veterans' affairs and assistant to the president.

He is also a former assistant to the department chairman and graduate assistant at the University of Memphis.

He began his career in education at Meridian Public School, where he taught social science and later served as chairman of the social science department.

A Mathiston native, Dr. Sutphin is a graduate of Wood College, Mississippi State University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees; and the University of Memphis, where he earned his doctorate.

Dr. Sutphin and his wife, Peggy Boyd, have two sons: Brent, and incoming freshman at ECCC, and Brad, who's entering his senior year at Newton County High School.

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Dr. Sparkman began her career in education as an education school teacher for the Noxubee County School System and later served at Central Academy in Macon.

A graduate of Theodore, Alabama High School, Dr. Sparkman attended Mississippi State University where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and earned master's and doctoral degrees in counselor education.

Danny Lindsley of Newton has been hired as the Assistant Elementary Principal at the Newton County Elementary School in Decatur. Jeanette Thrash, Principal of Newton County Elementary School stated that she was looking forward to working with Mr. Lindsley and to utilizing his expertise in strengthening the quality of education afforded the students of the Newton County Elementary School.

Mr. Lindsley graduated from Newton High School. He attended East Central Community College and graduated from Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education with a minor in Biology. He taught and coached for seven years while living in Jackson.

Since moving back to his hometown of Newton, he served as a teacher and a coach inteh Newton Municipal School District for the past 16 years. Since receiving his Master's Degree in Education Leadership in 1998, he has been a part of the professional staff of Newton City Schools serving as the Director of Transportation, Athletics and Maintenance.

He has served inteh Mississippi National Guard for 31 years. Lindsley holds the rank of Colonel and is assigned to HQ's STARC in Jackson.

Mr. Lindsley is married to the former Polly Hand, also of Newton, and they have two children, Michael and Shelly. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Newton.

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Lindsley stated that he is very proud and excited to be given the opportunity of serving inteh Newton County School District and is looking forward to his position as Assistant Principal at the Newton County Elementary School.

Mrs. Rodney (Betty) Bounds, local Future Business Leaders of America sponsor for Newton High School, has returned with local delegates from the FBLA National Leadership Conference held in Long Beach, California.

Serving as the advisor for FBLA for sixteen years, she has taken her students to national conferences for competition the last ten years. Newton High School students under her leadership have collected numerous district, state and national awards. During the year 1999 - 2000, NHS students had 20 district winners, 13 state winners, 8 competed at Nationals and 1 placed 7th in Job Interview.

The local chapter has had six state officers and seven national winners including a First Place in Job Interview and 119 State Winners and numerous district winners in the last ten years.

In recognition of her outstanding service and many accomplishments, Mrs. Bounds was recognized at the National Conference in July at Long Beach, California being named Mississippi's Outstanding Local Advisor 2000.

She and her husband, Newton County Circuit Clerk Rodney Bounds, reside on Pinecrest Street, are parents of two grown children and grandparents of three. They are members of Newton United Methodist Church.

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Finley Addresses ECCC Council

Jim Finley (standing), President/CEO of Craft-Co Enterprises in Morton, recently spoke to fellow members of the East Central Community College District Workforce Council, which held its quarterly meeting on the Decatur campus. Finley, who serves as District Representative to the State Workforce Council in addition to serving on the ECCC Council, shared insights regarding the 17 priorities currently being addressed by the State Council. He also issued a challenge to the District Council membership to communicate areas of interest through Roger Whitlock (seated far right), director of the College's Workforce Development Center. In addition, he urged Council members "to seek an understanding of the workforce services available and to think futuristically in advising the Center staff of workforce needs, problems, goals and issues." Also pictured is Rodis Shealy (center), Council Chairman. Shealy is director of manufactured engineering at Taylor Machine Works in Louisville. For more information regarding services provided at the College's Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 299.

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Sutphin excited about new challenges at East Central

New president shares vision with Forest Rotary Club

By SID SALTER
Times Editor

The new president of East Central Community College made his first official visit to Forest since becoming the school's seventh president on July 1 as he shared his vision for continuing the mission of the regional school with the Forest Rotary Club last Wednesday in a noon speech at Penn's Santa Fe.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, who succeeded Dr. Eddie Smith as ECCC's chief executive officer, told the local civic club that the school had experienced record growth with an enrollment of 2.233 last fall and expectations of passing the 2,300 mark this fall.

Faculty and staff on the Decatur campus numbers 125, Sutphin said.

"Sixteen percent of our students come from Scott County," he said. "98.2 percent of our students are Mississippians and 88 percent come from our five-county support district of Newton, Scott, Leake, Neshoba and Winston counties."

Sutphin said 66 percent of ECCC students are enrolled in academic programs, 30 percent in technical program and three percent in vocational programs.

"The data we get back from employers indicate that our students do quite well," he said. "Of course, we are always working harder in the vo-tech area to deal with workforce development and workforce training to ensure that our businesses and industries in the area have the skilled employees they need to do the things that they need to do.

"Raytheon is one of our bigger industries in the area that we work with and we also do quite a bit of work with the poultry industry," Sutphin said.

"In workforce training, at companies like Raytheon, Choctaw Maid and other poultry businesses, we did 26 training projects with 1,571 employees in those facilities just in retraining and new training for individuals," he said.

Sutphin pledged his personal time toward the economic development effort in Scott County: "If you are talking to a prospective company about locating in this area and would like for me to come meet with the individuals and tell them a little bit about workforce training, I'll be glad to do so."

The new ECCC leader talked about development efforts on the ECCC campus, led by ECCC Development Officer Larry Hogue, that have produced over $800,000 in foundation funds with $400,000 in endowed scholarships.

Sutphin said the college operates on an instructional budget of $12.5 million with a total operating budget of around $19 million.

"This past year, of course, you know we had the budget crunch in the state and our portion of the budget hit was about $77,000," he said. "Our growth in enrollment helped us overcome some of those problems."

Scott County provides $294,127 from county taxes for the support of ECCC.

Sutphin's appearance was arranged by Rotarian John Lynn. Also representing ECCC at the civic club meeting was former *Times* editor and current ECCC Director of Public Information Erle E. (Bubby) Johnston of Forest.

August 6 reception to honor new president

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Members of the East Central Community College Alumni Association and Board of Directors met on the Decatur campus with plans for Homecoming 2000 among items of discussion. This year's observance is scheduled for Oct. 7. Reunion groups scheduled to be honored include members of all classes ending in "0," the Alumni Band and Centralettes, Associate Degree Nursing and Phi Theta Kappa alumni, football teams and cheerleaders from 1974-77, and members of the 1957-59 classes. Seated from left are Earl Marshall, James Vance, Steve Quinn, Dayna Morgan, Freddie Bagley, Paul Chamblee, (standing) Jimmy Dempsey, Ron Forest, Randall Lee (who has since accepted a position at East Mississippi Community College), Larry Hogue, Sarah Johnson, former EC president Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith, new EC president Phil A. Sutphin, Ann Burkes, and Stacey Hollingsworth. For more information about the 2000 homecoming, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 635-2111, ext. 323.

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ECCC welcomes new vice president for instruction

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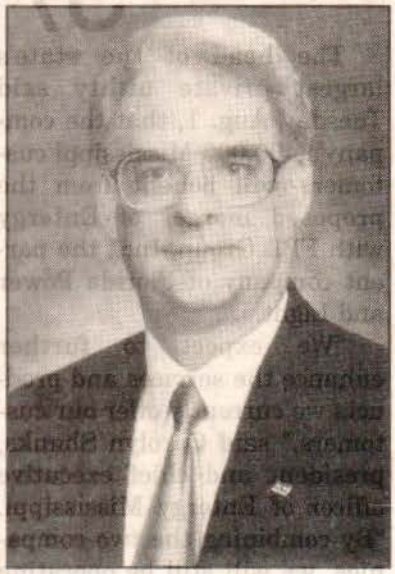

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Craftco, ECCC join hands to meet educational needs

by Betty Little

In 1995 Craftco, Inc. of Morton and East Central Community College began a joint venture to meet the educational needs of the community. With one teacher, Carmel Carlisle, Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Development (GED) programs were begun in the training room of the plant. "Within three years the programs had stabilized and grown to meet the educational needs of the community," said Mrs. Carlisle.

In 1998 ECCC placed a trailer behind Craftco's plant to serve as a training center and another instructor was added to the program -- Mrs. Modean Cross who teaches ELS, English as a second language.

Since the program's beginning, there have been 26 graduates to receive GEDs and many more adults helped. On June 15th, seven students graduated, including one Hispanic in a five county area. They were: Jane Brown, Lance Renfro, Chance Ivy, Cody May, Richard Gregory and Painela Sykes. To receive a GED the student is required to pass five subjects: writing, math, social studies, science, and literature & the arts.

"Craftco has been wonderful to promote this program," stated Mrs. Carlisle.

The two instructors, Carmel and Modine, have a close working relationship and "team teach." It is evident that both ladies enjoy teaching others and view their positions as a ministry of help other people.

"This is a very rewarding, humbling experience," said Modine, who teaches English to several Hispanics who are in the program. She assists the Hispanics with citizenship requirements, as well as teaching them the English language. "They have lots problems because our language is so different from theirs," she explained, "such as adverbs coming after nouns. We find highly educated people from other countries struggling with our language."

"Our students come from many situations," explained Carmel. "Many of them are in a position to go on to college when they get their GED, or are able to get better jobs." She pointed out that the program is designed for "anyone who wants to come. It is not limited to GED students, or Craftco workers, but to whoever has a need in the community, such as improving reading and math skills are learning how to fill out a resume."

There is no cost for the program and people in the community are encouraged to participate. The instructors are at the training center directly behind Craftco on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-4:00. The ABE/GED program runs from July 1 to June 30 and can be entered at anytime during the year.

"This is mostly an individualized program" explained Mrs. Carlisle, with students working on assignments at home or in the training room. "If you would like to upgrade your educational level, or need help with the ACT, we will be glad to help you."

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Griffin visits ECCC

Lavetta Griffin of Carthage was among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College. The incoming freshman is shown planning her fall semester class schedule with the assistance of Dana Dear, Associate Degree Nursing instructor.

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The Board of Directors for the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., met on the Decatur campus to discuss plans to seek donations to construct a $2.5 million field house for athletics. The proposed 18,628 square-foot facility will be located on the north end of campus between the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Complex and the Chris Gay IV Memorial Baseball Field. Seated from left are George Taylor, Van Lucas, Dr. John Gipson, David Howell, Ann Burkes, (standing) Randall Lee, Mickey Vance, Sammy Pace, former president Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith, Stacey Hollingsworth, and Larry Hogue. Not pictured are Dr. Pam Kirk, Prentice Copeland, Jimmy Prince, and Nell Allen Rogers.

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WEEK OF Aug. 2, 2000

Address ECCC Workforce Council... Among speakers at a recent meeting of the East Centrall Community College District Workforce Council were (from left) Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president; Rodis Shealy of Louisville, Council Chairman and director of manufacturing engineering at Taylor Machine Works; and Roger Whitlock, director of the college's Workforce Development Center. In his remarks, Whitlock explained the potential for the Council, shared the projected Workforce Development Activities report for FY 2000 and communicated the opportunity fore the Council to interact with ECCC personnel for the pur;ose of marketing the Workforce Development message and verifying targets for quality provisions.

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WEEK OF Aug. 14, 2000

Celebration of Freedom Event set Nov. 11

In honor of World War II Veterans there will be a Celebration of Freedom Event at East Central Community College, November 11, 2000. (Veterans Day)

Beth Milling, of Milling Funeral Home, stated, "the interest and enthusiasm of businesses and area people have been overwhelming. The cooperation and participation of organizing and planning the event has been incredible."

This event, originally planned to be held at the American Legion Hut in Decatur has been moved to ECCC Football Stadium and in case of rain the event will be held in the ECCC Gym.

All WWII Veterans and families are invited to come and be a part of the event on Saturday, Nov. 11th. The Celebration of Freedom Event will be an opportunity for Veterans to reunite with each other and pay tribute to these patriots that made freedom possible in the United States over the past 50-plus years.

The day's event will kick off with a parade Saturday morning, at 10 a.m. All WWII Veterans are invited and encouraged to come and take part in the parade. Assistance with mobility will be provided.

Be sure to read your local papers for updates and program information on this Celebration of Freedom event.

This event is a National effort, sponsored by the National Funeral Home Directors Association. The proceeds from this event will go to the WWII National Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C.

Any persons or businesses interested in participating in the Celebration of Freedom Event, please contact Beth Milling at Milling Funeral Home. (601) 774-5779 or (601) 625-8922.

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WEEK OF Aug. 14, 2000

ECCC presidents — new and old

Submitted photo

SUTPHIN HONORED – Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, new president of East Central Community College was congratulated by former President Arno Vincent and his wife, Ruth, during a recent reception held in his honor on the Decatur campus. Sutphin, the college's seventh president, served ECCC as dean of instruction and dean of students prior to beginning his new duties July 1. He succeeds Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who retired after 15 years at the helm. Vincent was ECCC's third president, serving from 1953-62. The reception for Dr. Sutphin, and his wife Peggy, far right, was hosted by Decatur United Methodist Church.

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Killens named interim veep at East Central

Joe Killens has been named interim Vice President for Student Services at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, College president.

Killens, who will also continue to serve in his current position as Director of Student Life/Student Recruiter at ECCC, was named to the post following the resignation of Randall E. Lee. Lee recently resigned to become District Dean of Academics at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

Dr. Sutphin said the College plans to announce the selection of the new Vice President for Student Services at the November 14 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The person chosen will begin employment on January 1, 2001.

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WEEK OF Aug. 21, 2000

Cliburn joins ECCC staff

Sherri Byars Cliburn of Union was recently selected Special Populations Reading instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, College president.

Cliburn, who began her new duties on August 1, 2000, previously taught fourth-grade classes at Union Elementary School. She is also a former faculty member at Neshoba Central Elementary School, where she taught remedial reading and talented and gifted students in grades two through six.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Union, where she serves as director of the Young Musicians Choir.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Cliburn received an associate of arts degree from East Central Community College, where she was awarded the Alatha Chaney English Award and was a member of the Scholars Bowl team. She graduated cum laude from Mississippi State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She has completed additional studies at MSU.

She is married to Gene Cliburn and they have four children, Erin, Logan, Caroline and Byars.

Cliburn's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hal Byars of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF Aug. 21, 2000

ECCC brings college experience home

By SID SALTER
Times Editor

During a visit to Forest Monday, East Central Community College president Dr. Phil Sutphin said that one of the priorities of his administration would be making the college experience more accessible to non-traditional students.

"In addition to the local course offerings at the Scott County Vo-Tech Center, we will in the near future have online courses and other distance learning opportunities for non-traditional students," said Sutphin. "That's an important part of our future as an institution and helps the students acheive."

Suthpin and State Community College Board president Dr. Olon Ray were in Forest on Monday to discuss the proposed expansion of USM on the Gulf Coast.

Five evening classes are being offered by ECCC at the Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center for the 2000 fall semester, announced Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education.

Course offerings include English Composition I, Principles of Accounting I, Oral Communication, Human Growth and Development, and General Psychology.

The last day to register for evening and day classes is Friday, August 25.

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 278 or 279.

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Fulton-ECCC Faculty

Gail Fulton of Wesson was recently selected mathematics instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Fulton, who began her new duties on August 1, 2000, previously taught mathematics at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, where she has been a faculty member since 1978. She is also a former math instructor at Neshoba Central and Decatur High Schools.

Among honors she has received include her selection as an Outstanding Young Woman of America.She helped initiate the statewide Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) Junior High School mathematics Contest, and where she serves as pianist and Sunday School teacher.

Fulton was valedictorian of her graduating class at Neshoba Central and was named to Hall of Fame at East Central Community College. She also graduated with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi where she received a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She received a master's degree in mathematics from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University. She has completed additional coursework at USM.

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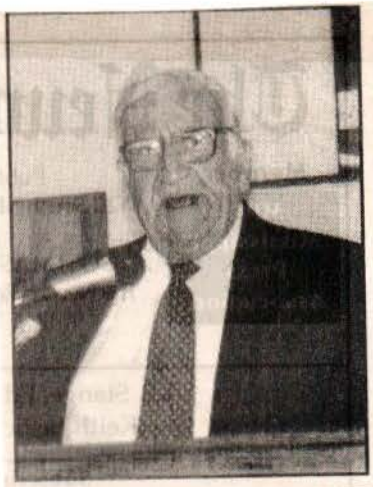

STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPEAKER - Ovid Vickers, retired ECCC faculty member, presented a very challenging and entertaining staff development session to administration, faculty, and staff of the Newton County School District. The Staff Development was held at the opening session for school personnel. Mr. Vickers is a well known writer for a number of publications. (Photo by Lois Cooper)

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Blaylock joins ECCC faculty

WEEK OF Aug. 21, 2008

Vicki C. Blaylock of Newton was recently selected music keyboard instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College President.

Blaylock, who began her duties on August 1, 2000, previously served as music instructor for the Winona Municipal School District. In all, she has 18 years of experience teaching music on the public school level and providing private piano lessons.

She is a member of the Mississippi Music Educators, the American Choral Directors association and Kappa Delta sorority. She is also a member of First Baptist Church of Newton, where she is a member of the adult choir.

A merit graduate of Eupora High School, Blaylock received a bachelor's degree in music education from Mississippi College where she graduated cum laude.

She is married to Ronnie C. Blaylock C. Blaylock, co-manager of the Philadelphia Walmart Supercenter. They have two children, Clanton, 13, and Anna Rose, nine.

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LOCAL NEWS

ECCC getting an early start on homecoming events

By Austin Bishop / The Meridian Star
August 27, 2000

Email this story.

DECATUR - Although Homecoming is still more than a month away, East Central Community College officials are in the midst of final preparations for the event.

"Homecoming is always one of our biggest events," said Larry Hogue, vice president of alumni relations for ECCC. "That is when we try to get as many of our alumni on campus as possible."

While other reunions are welcomed, the school pushes to bring together the 10-year, 20-year, 30-year, 40-year and 50-year classes.

"And it is the 50-year classes that are the most honored," Hogue said. "This is their time and their year."

The actual Homecoming is Saturday, Oct. 7, featuring a football game between ECCC and Co-Lin at 2:30 p.m.

The events actually begin earlier in the week with the annual Homecoming tennis tournament, which starts on Monday, Oct. 2, and the golf tournament that is set for Decatur Country Club at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6.

One of the highlights of the week is a special performance by 1950 ECCC graduate Pruitt Calvert. For years Calvert, a successful Louisville businessman, has been performing as "Aunt Blabby" a cantankerous gossip. That event will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

"That is going to be a lot of fun," Hogue said. "Those who have seen Aunt Blabby perform seem to always enjoy it and anyone who hasn't seen it needs to."

There is no charge to the performance, but donations will be taken with the proceeds going to the building of a new recreational trail around the school's campus lake.

Hogue said one of the special moments of the weekend will come on Saturday morning when ECCC president Dr. Phil Sutphin presents the class of 1950 with replica diplomas.

"They are really nice," Hogue said. "They (each member of the class of 1950) will be called up individually, just like they are actually graduating."

In all 6,600 letters went out to alumni and friends announcing the 2000 Homecoming lineup.

"One unique thing we are going to have this year is that a few members of the college's first graduating class (1930) will be present," he said. "We are really

looking forward to that."

For more information or a full schedule of events, contact Hogue at 635-2111, ext. 323.

Austin Bishop is a staff writer with The Meridian Star. Email him at abishop@meridianstar.com.

Reunions ...

Among those holding reunions during the ECCC homecoming weekend of Oct. 6-7 are as follows:

The classes of 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000; the

Associate Degree Nursing Alumni Association; the football teams and

cheerleaders from 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77; the classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 and Phi Theta Kappa.

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WEEK OF Aug. 28, 2010

Supervisors visit ECCC officials

Winston County Supervisors Jerry Estes (front, from left) and Randall Johnson recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were luncheon guests during the August meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. Shown with the special visitors are trustees Paul Simmons (back, from left) and Jerry Nance, both of Louisville.

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ECCC Adjunct Instructors.... East Central Community College recently held its annual fall workshop for members of the College's adjunct faculty. Instructors from Newton County who attended the program included (seated from left) Penny Dickerson (nutrition), Tonya Nowell (psychology), Linda Hansford (computer), Lois Cooper (computer), Sheila Zehr (science and technology) and Kathie Bounds (English); (second row, from left) Keith Byram (medical terminology), Martha Graham (English), Neda Thrash (electronics), Raymond Clark (algebra), Bobby Thrash (computer), Kay Chambers (EMT), Lisa Webb (applied business mathematics) and John Allen Reeves (history) and (back row, from left) Dr. Mark Yeager (psychology), Randy Cuchens (music), Bob Jackson (history), Larry Gressett (psychology), Glenn Harrison (electronics), John Wilcutts (electronics and math), Roger Burkes (mathematics) and Daniel Cherry (EMT assistant). The workshop is coordinated by the Office of Adult and Continuing Education. East Central offers courses at various locations throughout the College's district, which includes Leake, Scott, Neshoba, Newton and Winston counties. (EC Photo)

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Parker honored at ECCC meeting

East Central Community College Board of Trustees member Leo Parker (left) of Noxapater received special recognition for 20 years of service during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held in Biloxi, July 14-15. Shown presenting Parker with a plaque of appreciation is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Over 250 trustees representing the state's 15 public and community colleges attended the two-day conference. Among presenters at the meeting were Senator Jack Gordon, Representative John Read, Mississippi Power Company President and CEO Dwight Evans and Mississippi State University President Dr. Malcolm Portera.

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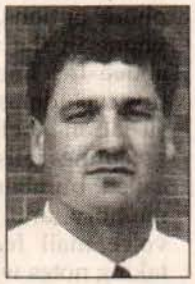
Yarborough named assistant baseball coach at EC

Union High School grad Stephen M. "Jake" Yarborough was recently named assistant baseball coach/Student Services assistant at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, college president.



Jake Yarborough

Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark said his program "hit the jackpot" with the selection of Yarborough.

"Jake played and coached baseball here at East Central and did the same for two years at Delta State University. And both years that he was the head coach at Taylorsville High School, his teams advanced to the state playoffs. For a person as young as he is, that's a pretty impressive resume.

"We feel like he will bring enthusiasm to our program along with a great work ethic. He also understands the tradition that has been established here. As much as we hated to see Neal (Holliman) go, we feel just as happy to bring Jake back into the program," Clark said.

Yarborough succeeds Holliman, who was recently named top assistant baseball coach at his alma mater, the University of West Alabama.

The Diamond Warrior head mentor said when it was apparent Holliman was leaving for UWA, he began compiling a list of candidates he thought would do a good job at EC. He noted there are about 30 former EC players currently in the coaching ranks, and after contacting former Warrior baseball players the consensus of opinion was that the position be filled with someone from "inside the family." Clark said his new assistant is a "perfect fit" for EC's program.

Yarborough, who began his new duties on Aug. 9, previously served as head baseball coach, assistant football coach and business teacher at Taylorsville.

He is also a former graduate assistant baseball coach, fitness center supervisor and residence hall assistant at Delta State.

In addition, he previously served as an assistant physical education teacher at Union and was a student assistant baseball coach at EC. In all, he has six years coaching experience, including three years on the college level.

Yarborough received an associate in arts degree from EC and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in physical education from Delta State.

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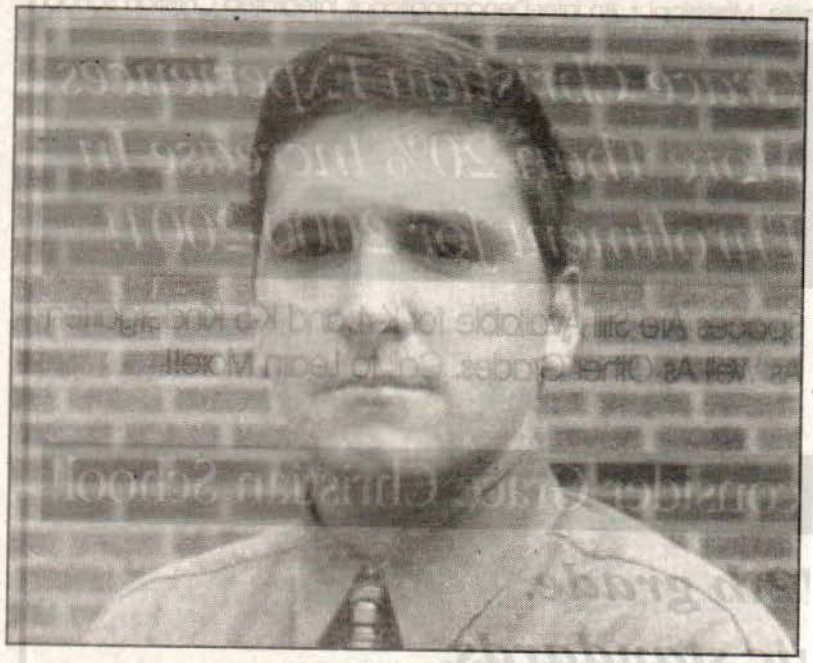
Brent Gregory joins East Central staff



Brent Gregory

Brent Gregory of Louisville was recently selected men's dormitory supervisor/activity and fitness center director at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, college president.

Gregory, who began his new duties on July 1, was previously employed at Nanih Waiya High School where he taught social studies, world history and advanced geography, and served as assistant football and baseball coach.

A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, Gregory holds an associate in arts degree from East Central Community College and has a bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

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TAKE COMPUTER COURSE- These La-Z-Boy South in Newton employees recently improved their computer skills by completing a Word 97 course coordinated by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated fromleft are Kent Carey of Decatur, Wanda Todd of Hickory and Richard Savell of Chunky. Standing from left are Jhon Vanderslice of Newton, Stanley Nelson of Meridian and instructor Sandy Parr of Noxapater. Those completing the course but not pictured are Jerry Jones, Tommy Hardy, Vera Fillingane and Billy Avery. (EC Photo)

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COMPLETE COMPUTER COURSE - Pictured are employees at La-Z-Boy South in Newton who recently improved their computer skills by taking a Word 97 course coordinated by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Jessie Bryant, Lester Murrell and Chris Boutwell, all of Newton. Standing from left are Jim Hansford, industrial coordinator at ECCC; Warren Harrison of Lena; and instructor Sandy Parr of Noxapater. (EC Photo)

ENHANCE COMPUTER SKILLS - Above are employees of La-Z-Boy south in Newton who recently improved their computer skills by completing a Word 97 course coordinated by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated fromleft are Iris Bogan and Georgia Monk, both of Newton, and Julie Lawson of Morton. Standing from left are Nena Posey of Lake, Britt Harris of Decatur, Jimmy Harrison of Union and insturctor Sandy Parr of Noxapater. Those completing the course but not pictured include Eva Watts and Annie Myrel Turner. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Sept. 11, 2000

ECCC names trail after Dick Livingston

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — East Central Community College's board of trustees voted Tuesday to name the school's walking trail and fitness area after Richard L. "Dick" Livingston.

The decision came during the board's regularly scheduled September meeting.

Livingston, who died of cancer on March 28, was a 29-year veteran of the Mississippi House of Representatives and served as chairman of the House Game and Fish Committee.

Livingston was an avid promoter of the conservation and preservation of natural resources, and helped the school acquire funds for construction on the Decatur campus, including the fitness trails.

The grants, totaling more than $150,000, were made through the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and the National Recreational Trails Funding Program of the Federal Highway Administration/U.S. Department of Transportation.

The initial grant was used to complete the half-mile paved fitness trail, that has 20 exercise stations and lights. Another grant will extend the trail to include a recreational/study trail around the college lake.

The board also heard a report that ECCC had posted a 16th consecutive year of increasing enrollment, and approved changes to the school's scholarship policy. Each board member was given a chart which showed the school's annual growth since fall 1985.

The enrollment for the fall semester of 2000 is 2,370, up from 2,228 in 1999. The fall 2000 enrollment includes 1,758 full-time students, and is a record high.

ECCC had just 819 total students in 1985, and has shown a steady increase since that time. The school first topped the 1,000 mark in enrollment in 1987 and reached the 1,000 mark in full-time enrollment in 1994.

The board also voted to allow students who have received their GEDs to compete for ACT scholarships.

The ACT scholarships are available to any Mississippi resident who enrolls full-time at ECCC the fall semester following high school graduation or the first regular semester after having received the GED.

The scholarships range from $100 per semester for those having scored a 20 on the ACT to full scholarships — including room and board — for students who have scored 31 or higher.

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Dacus, Sparkman to Perform at ECCC

Tenor Ed Dacus and pianist Carol Joy Sparkman will be in recital Tuesday, September 26, on the campus of East Central Community College in Decatur. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium and the public is invited to attend. No charge for admission.

Dacus has performed over thirty character and leading tenor roles with several regional opera companies, including the New Orleans Opera, the Lyric Opera of Waco, the Ohio Light Opera and the Baton Rouge Opera. He will make his debut appearance with the Mississippi Opera production of Die Fledermaus in January.

A performer with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the Louisiana State University chamber Orchestra, Dacus makes frequent appearances as a soloist in oratorio performances and is active as a solo recitalist. He and his wife, Viola, perform often in duet concerts and recitals.

Dacus has been a member of the music faculty at Mississippi College for two years. He previously served on the voice faculty at Oklahoma State University. He holds the Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and the master's degree in piano performance from the University of Mississippi. He obtained the Master of Music and the Doctor of Music Arts degree in vocal performance from Louisiana State University.

Sparkman is known throughout the United States as a premier accompanist. She is a regular performer with members of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra in chamber recitals and often serves as a keyboardist with the symphony.

She also performs duo piano concerts with eminent composer Michael T. Smith for churches and church-music conferences. In addition, she is known regionally as a clinician for handbell ensembles and church pianists.

Sparkman is a member of the Mississippi College music faculty where she serves as vocal coach/accompanist, coordinator of accompanying, class piano instructor, and director of the renowned "Naturals".

Along with her husband, Tommy Sparkman, serves as pianist/musical assistant at Parkway Baptist Church in Clinton where she directs and coordinates numerous ensembles.

Sparkman received the Bachelor of Music in Education degree and the Master of Music in Vocal Coaching/Accompanying degree from Mississippi College.

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MAKES LARGEST PLANNED GIFT TO ECCC - Mrs. Libby Harrington Lynch (left) of Chicago and Hong Kong is being recognized for making the largest planned gift made public in the history of East Central Community College in Decatur. Mrs. Lynch, who manages the global sector of Price Waterhouse-Coopers international accounting firm, has included a $100,000 gift in her estate plans to endow a scholarship at ECCC honoring her late father, Willie "Bill" Dallas (ECCC Class of 1936), a native of the Antioch-House communities near Union in Neshoba County. After taking a job at White's Auto in Union, Dallas' career included executive posts with General Motors, as well as Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen, which he helped introduce to the United States. After retirement, he moved from Detroit to California where he enjoyed a successful career in real estate. Mrs. Lynch said her dad's life proves that, with a quality education from East Central, "You can go anywhere you want to go: be anything you want to be." Mr. Dallas played basketball at EC, and Mrs. Lynch has also made a gift in his name to the College's proposed 2.5 million athletic field house. Her husband is William Lynch, an international investment banker who served on the staffs of three presidents, Nixon, Ford and Regan. Shown with Mrs. Lynch is Larry Hogue, ECCC Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations. (EC Photo)

ECCC Homecoming Tennis Tourney Oct. 2-6

Alumni and current students of East Central Community College in Decatur are encouraged to participate in the college's Homecoming Tennis Tournament Oct. 2-6, 2000. Chairman Mike Anderson said the annual competition includes men's and women's divisions. No entry fee, but entrant must furnish a can of tennis balls. Deadline - Sept. 27 to enter.

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Mott to display artwork during ECCC Homecoming

East Central Community College alumnus Mike Mott (Class of 1981) will present his artwork during Homecoming festivities scheduled October 7 on the Decatur campus. The exhibit will be on display in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center through the month of October, according to Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division and art instructor.

The display will include a variety of surrealistic, science fiction and fantasy images created in a wide range of media, but with a predominance of computer generated images or computer graphics. There will possibly be some sculptures and graphite pieces in the show.

Mott is creative director for MPI Software Technology, a high-performance software company. He is also a free-lance artist and writes both fiction and non-fiction. He has worked as an artist/designer for Fortune 500 companies, for an NSF Engineering Research Center, and for a variety of free-lance clients. His artwork has appeared in numerous publications such as Computer Graphics World Magazine, Computer Artist and IEEE Computer. He has also created artwork and graphic design for mass-market book covers, posters, brochures and CD-ROM covers and has won several design awards.

Mott and his wife, Melissa, have four children: Heather, 16; Audrey, 14; Matthew, 12; and Ryan, 6.

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ECCC reports record enrollment - 2370 students

A record 2370 students are enrolled in classes offered by East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Luke said the 2000 fall enrollment represents an increase of 142 students - or over six percent - as compared to the previous record mark of 2228 students who registered for classes during the 1999 fall term.

East Central has experienced an increase in enrollment for 16 straight years.

New ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who officially began his duties on July 1, was obviously pleased with the record enrollment.

"The college continues to provide a level of service that encourages students to come to East Central to pursue their educational goals. We encourage all prospective students to look at what we provide," he said.

Of the 2370 students enrolled at the college, 1758 are full-time students while 612 attend on a part-time basis.

In addition to offering classes on the Decatur campus, East Central provides instruction at various locations throughout the college district, which includes Leake, Scott, Neshoba, Newton and Winston counties.

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ECCC Homecoming October 7 Honorees

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A lifetime achievement award will also be presented and special recognition will be made of various reunion groups.

The theme for this year's observance is "Looking to the Future and Remembering the Past.

Recipients of the annual Alumni Association Awards as follows:

S. Lebrur "Sibb" Hutchinson (Class of 1949) of Littleton Colorado, *Alumnus of the Year.*

A Philadelphia native and retired civil engineer with the National Park Service, Hutchison spent the past 20 years devoting much of his time to various civic, community and religious organizations in the Littleton community.

He made numerous financial gifts and other contributions to ECCC. He established an annual award for a sophomore member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. To date 16 pre-engineering sophomores have been recipients of this recognition. He was a founding member of the AAE and served as vice president his freshman year and was president during his sophomore year.

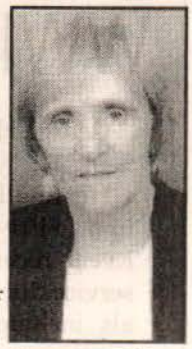
High School, ECCC and MSU, where she received bachelor's and master's degree and the AA Certificate in Administration.

She is married to Tommy Thrash and they have two daughters.

Billy Ray Dill, (1964-65) of Escatawpa, two year standout on the Warrior football teams. inductee to the *Athletic Hall of Fame.*

In addition to outstanding football player at EC, Dill participated in various campus activities and was selected a freshman favorite. He received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and began a successful coaching and teaching career.

Presently employed with Chevron Oil Refinery in Pascagoula, he is married to the former Susan Foster and has three daughters, a stepdaughter, stepson, a grandson and a step grandson.



Coach Sue Gunter, standout athlete at Nashville Business College, ECJC, and Walnut Grove, named to *Athletic Hall of Fame.*

Having led college squads at Middle Tennessee State, Stephen Austin and LSU, she served as head coach for 1980 Olympic team. she earned a bachelor's and master's degree at George Peabody - now Vanderbilt.

Sandra Towne Thomas of Chunky has been chosen as *Vocational-Technical Instructor of the year.*

A graduate of High School and Junior College, she bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She was recognized for having the highest grade point average of students in the RN to BSN class.

She is married to Larry Thomas of Meridian.

James Land, photographer, will be honored at Homecoming as recipient of *Lifetime Achievement Award.*

(Class of 1938)

A graduate of Philadelphia High and MSU, having earned many hours beyond a master's degree, Land has made many contributions to ECCC, taking photos at beauty pageants, fashion shows and special occasions.

Land is married to the former Thelma Skipper, a 1937 ECJC graduate, and they have three sons.

Classes of years ending in "0" , former members of EC band and Centralettes, Nursing Alumni Asso, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Asso., football team members and cheerleaders from 1974-75, 75-76 and 76-77, and graduates of 57, 58 and 59 classes will be honored.

A meeting of Warrior Club, the support group for athletes will be held. Luncheon begins at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, football game with Copiah-Lincoln at 2:30 and reception after game in cafeteria with public invited.

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In addition to academics, Hutchison was a letterman in track and football. A President's Scholar at MSU where he received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering, he is married to the former Myrtle Ruth Fikes and they live in Littleton, Colorado and are the parents of two daughters.

Jeanette Thrash, Class of 1958, of Decatur, has been chosen as Alumnae of the Year.

Thrash has served as principal of Newton County Elementary School in Decatur since 1991. She previously served as principal of Boler Elementary School, Decatur. Having served as classroom teacher and administrative.

In addition to her duties as an educator, she is involved with various civic and religious organizations. She is a 34 year member of the Decatur Women's Progressive Club and is current president. A member of Decatur United Methodist Church, former Girl Scouts leader and director for Decatur Public Library, she was Outstanding Young Woman in 1968, 69 and 1970, Outstanding Educator in 1974 and member of Performance Based School Assessment Task Force for 1983-84.

She is a graduate of Union

Coach Gunter begins the 2000-2001 campaign as LSU as the fourth winningest active coach in the nation.

Jimmy Rea, a Philadelphia native, former Warrior football team member and track star, will be inducted into the *Athletic Hall of Fame.*

A graduate of Louisiana College in 1960 where he helped lead to best season in school history, Rhea coached in Alexandria, La., Moss Point and Greenwood.

Rhea began an involvement in auto sales and now owns an auction business in Madison where he and his wife, Sammie reside.

Dr. Linda Lane of Jackson, Spanish and French instructor at ECCC, has been chosen as the *Academic Instructor of the Year.*

A graduate High School and Millsaps College, she earned a master's degree in French, with minor emphasis in Spanish from LSU and doctorate in modern languages from Middlebury College in Vermont.

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ECCC ABE/GED FACULTY MEMBERS

A pre-session workshop for Adult Basic Education/General Education Development faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur campus. Instructors from Newton County include (seated, from left) Jackie Richardson and Nancy Alexander, both of Union; and Lorene Graham of Conehatta; and (standing, from left) Barbara Weir of Newton, Becky Branning and Sue Addy, both of Union; and Ed McGowan of Lawrence. ABE/GED courses are offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1 -877-462-3222).

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Bush Selected Work-Based Learning Coordinator ECCC

Sylvia H. Bush of Boyle, was recently selected Work Based Learning Coordinator at East Central Community College announced Dr. Phil Sutphin president.

Formerly of Carthage, Bush began her new duties on September 1. She previously served as the Tech Prep Coordinator at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. She earlier served MDCC as a counselor. In addition, she has teaching and counseling experience on the high school level, having 28 years of full time educational work experience.

Bush is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, the American Association of University Women and the EPHFIC Women's Club.

She is a graduate of Carthage High School and received the Associate in Arts Degree from East Central. Bush obtained her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mississippi State University. She received the AA Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Mississippi College in Clinton and has completed additional studies at Delta State University.

Bush and her husband Thomas have two sons, Todd and Ken.

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EC faculty members

A pre-session workshop for Adult Basic Education/General Education Development faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur campus. Instructors from Leake County include (from left) Glynn Edwards, Nancy Edwards and Doris Jones, all of Carthage. ABE/GED courses are offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district.

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WEEK OF 10/2/00

ECCC WORKFORCE COUNCIL - Above are members of the East Central Community college Workforce Development Council who recently held their quarterly meeting on the Decatur campus. The purpose of the council is to provide direction for the progressive development an delivery of workforce training and support services to individuals, employers and communities in the five-county district. Seated from left - Jim Finley, president/CEO of Craft-Co Enterprises in Morton; Roger Whitlock, Council secretary and Director, ECCC Workforce Development Center; Van Bowman, Council Vice Chair and Operations Manager at Peco Farms in Sebastopol; Linda Shepard, Executive Director, Leake County Chamber of Commerce; and Paula Kerr of Newton, GED instructor, East Central Community College. Standing from left - Frank Arnold, Training Coordinator, Raytheon System company, Forest; Monte Ladner, Director of Vocational-Technical Education, Leake County Schools; Dan Breeding, General Manager of La-Z-Boy, Newton; Andy Rowzee, Site manager, ESCO Corporation, Newton; Frank Moore, Owner/President, Hardy Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia; Ken Walker, Human Research Manager, Choctaw Maid Farms, Carthage; Guy Nowell, Senior Vice President, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Philadelphia, Ricky Culberson, member, SCIW UBC Local 3181, Plywood Division, Georgia Pacific, Louisville; and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Council members not pictured are: Marie partridge, Mill Services Coordinator, Weyerhaeuser Co., Philadelphia; Ed McGowan, GED instructor, ECCC; Allen Breland, President-CEO Bank of Forest; and Rodis Shealy, Council Chair, Director of Manufacturing Engineering, Taylor Machine Works, Louisville.

East Central Homecoming

East Central Community College, Decatur, announced members of its 2000 Homecoming Court.

Freshman maids include Molly Addkison and Candice Cooper, both of Winston Academy; Katherine Lauren Helms of Madison Ridgeland Academy, and Keri Keith of Newton County High School. Sophomore maids include Jerri Lynn Frey and Nikki Pearson, both of Louisville; and Haley Ingram of Philadelphia.

Serving as Maid of Honor is Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy and the 2000 Homecoming queen is Emily Boggan of Decatur.

Keri Keith is the daughter of Tommy and Pam Keith of Decatur. Her escort will be Chris Comans, a freshman and son of Keith and Debbie Comans of Newton.

Casey Comans is the daughter of Wayne and Sandy Comans of Decatur. She will be escorted by Steve Pearson, son of Percy and Joyce Pearson of Decatur.

Homecoming Queen Emily Boggan is the daughter of Charles and Debbie Boggan of Decatur. Her escort will be Chris Carson, son of Thomas and Brenda Carson also of Decatur.

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ECCC Board names new walking trail in memory of Representative Livingston

A new walking trail soon to be completed at East Central Community College in Decatur will be named in memory of a stated legislator who provided assistance in developing the project.

The new trail, and extension of the current walking trail located on the north side of campus, will be known as The Dick Livingston Recreational/Study Trail following recent action by the ECCC Board of Trustees. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said naming the trail in Livingston's honor is a most appropriate gesture.

"Representative Livingston was a long-time friend of East Central and his interest in environmental issues and the College's fitness trail project had a tremendous impact on East Central. We are indebted to him for his assistance and advice in developing the project on the north side of campus. He will be greatly missed," Sutphin said.

Officials of the ECCC Alumni Association had earlier recommended to the Board that the new trail be named for Livingston, who was serving as Association president when cancer claimed his life on March 28, 2000, at the age of 60. Livingston attended East Central from almost 30 years in the state legislature, was chairman of the House Game and Fish Committee and was an avid promoter of conservation and preservation of natural resources.

Funding for the project came form two grants, involving a total worth of $150,000 (private donations included), from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the National Recreational Trails Funding Program of the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

The first grant was used to complete the fitness trail - a half-mile trek that is paved, lighted and handicapped accessible. Also included are 20 exercise stations. Additional improvements include the planting of more than 70 trees native to Mississippi and the installation of hand-made birdhouses by a private donor. Many of the trees are labeled with their scientific and common names and are part of the College's campus arboretum. The area includes an outdoor classroom overlooking the trail. The classroom was built with the assistance of students from the Newton County Vocational Center.

A second grant involved approximately $80,000 to be used to extend the current trail to include a recreational/study trail around the College lake. The new trail - which is named for Livingston - will also be paved, lighted, handicapped accessible and will include a walkway over the south end of the College lake.

In addition, the new trail will include the labeling of trees with their scientific and common names, thus expanding the campus arboretum. Plans call for the area to include a pavilion to be built with the assistance of the athletic department. Livingston was a standout athlete at Morton, East Central and Millsaps College.

A ceremony to officially dedicate The Dick Livingston

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These officers and directors of the East Central Community College Alumni Association are making final preparations for this year's Homecoming celebration scheduled October 6-7 on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Dayna Morgan (Class of 1984) of Philadelphia, vice president and Neshoba County representative, and Steve Quinn (Class of 1974) of Louisville, secretary and Winston County representative. Standing from left are Paul Chamblee (Class of 1975) of Carthage, Leake County representative; Chris Collins (Class of 1987) of Union, Newton County representative; Freddie Bagley (Class of 1972), Scott County representative; and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Not pictured are James Vance (Class of 1957) or Meridian, Alumni Association president and out-of-district representative; Benny French (Class of 1964) of Brandon, out-of-district representative; Earl Marshall (Class of 1955) of Petal, out-of-district representative; and Speedy Calvert (Class of 1981) of Louisville, past president. For more information regarding Homecoming 2000 contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, Phone 635-2111, ext. 323.

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ECCC to induct Rea into Athletic Hall of Fame

Philadelphia native Jimmy Rea will be inducted into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming activities Oct. 6 and Oct. 7.

Rea was a standout running back and defensive back on the 1956 and 1957 Warrior football teams. He also excelled in track, specializing in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes.

Prior to his arrival on the Decatur campus, Rea has a stellar career at Philadelphia High School, where he earned five letters in two sports - three in football as a star running back and two in track, where he first found success as a sprinter. He also served as basketball manager for three years.

His success at PHS caught the attention of then East Central football and track coach Clayton Blount who signed Rea to an athletic scholarship.

One of the memorable victories for Rea and his teammates during the 1956 season included the Warrior's 20-14 upset of East Mississippi Community College, led at that time by the legendary coach "Bull" Sullivan.

Key wins during Rea's sophomore campaign, during which he served as team co-captain, came against Holmes (12-7) and Jones (12-6). There were also ties recorded with East Mississippi (7-7) and Co-Lin (20-20).

Jimmy Rea

The highlight of Rea's track career obviously occurred at the 1958 State Junior College track meet held at Hinds Junior College, where he won first place honors in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes.

After graduating from East Central in 1958, Rea continued his athletic career at Louisiana College in Pineville, where he was a two-year letterman in football and track. During the 1958 campaign, Rea helped lead Louisiana College to the best season in school history - a 9-2 mark that included a 39-12 win over Arkansas Tech in the Rice Bowl held in Stuggart, Ark.

Rea graduated from Louisiana College in 1960, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education and social studies. He then began a successful but brief coaching career, with stints in Alexandria, La., Moss Point and Greenwood.

He returned to Philadelphia in 1961 and began a successful used car business. In 1973, after attending auctioneering school, Rea started an auto auction in Philadelphia. In 1976 he and two partners - Sonny Steel and Charles Mars - purchased the Ford dealership in Philadelphia. Rea served as president of the company until he sold the business in 1981.

Rea later began a second auction business (Mid-South Auto Auction) and over the years the business has continued to grow and is now located on a 29-acre, multi-million dollar facility in Jackson.

In 1996, Mid-South Salvage was added to the business and a new salvage facility was completed in 1999.

Rea and his wife, Sammy, reside in Madison where they are members of First Baptist Church of Madison. They reared two sons - John, who serves as manager of Rea Brothers Auction, and Sam, who was tragically killed in a tractor accident in September 1997.

John and his wife, Kim, have three children: Austin, Mary Grace and Peyton. Sam and his wife, Dana, had one child, CJ.

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Campus tours available during ECCC Homecoming

Tours of the East Central Community College campus will be available during specified times at this weekend's Homecoming celebration, announced Larry Hogue, Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Hogue said two 45-minute tours-beginning at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.-are scheduled Saturday, October 7, and will originate at Harrison Park, which is located between Burton Library and the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Among areas of interest included in each tour are the College walking trail, the Eddie M. Smith Student Union and Barber Hall, a new dormitory for female students.

For more information contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 625-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

ECCC to honor various Alumni, Instructors during Homecoming celebration October 6-7

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Homecoming activities named

Homecoming activities officially begin Octobet 2 when competition gets underway for the annual Alumni/Student Tennis Tournament. Tee-off time for the annual Alumni/Student Golf Tournament is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, October 6 at Decatur Country Club.

A special event is planned for Friday night at the Vickers Fine Arts Center. "Aunt Blabby" (Pruitt Calvert of Louisville, a 1950 ECCC graduate), will provide entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission; however, donations will be accepted to help East Central build a new recreational trail around the college lake. The trail is named in honor of the late Dick Livingston of Pulaski, who served almost 30 years in the Mississippi House of Representatives and was a longtime supporter of his alma mater.

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ECCC reunion groups to celebrate homecoming

Reunion groups being honored this year at East Central Community College's Homecoming Celebration include graduates from classes ending in "O"' former members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and Centralettes, the Associate Degree Nursing ALumni Association, the Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association, football team members and cheerleaders from 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 and graduates of the 1957, 1958, and 1959 classes.

A meeting of the Warrior Club, the support group for athletics, will also be held and a soccer match is scheduled between East Central and Gulf Coast.

The annual Alumni Luncheon begins at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, followed by East Central's football game with Copiah-Lincoln at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to a reception which follows the game and will be held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

For more information contact the ECCC Alumni Office, Phone 635-2111 , ext. 323.

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'Aunt Blabby' to entertain as part of ECCC Homecoming

A performance by one of the most beloved characters from this area will officially kick-off Homecoming activities scheduled Oct. 6-7 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

"An Evening with Aunt Blabby" (as portrayed by Pruitt Calvert of Louisville) will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Calvert, a 1950 ECCC graduate, describes "Aunt Blabby" as "a lovable, down-home character like we've all known, who spins humorous, homespun stories and anecdotes all over the country telephone party line."

The Louisville businessman sets the stage for his costumed character with a serious, inspirational introduction that audiences throughout Mississippi and several other states have enjoyed.

Calvert's portrayal of "Aunt Blabby" began some 26 years ago when his wife, Jean, first dressed him as the popular character.

Although his presentation has been termed a one-man show, Calvert acknowledges that his wife furnished the idea, the encouragement and the "making up" of "Aunt Blabby" who has brought laughter to thousands.

Calvert said he enjoys laughter and making others laugh as much or more than anyone; however, he pointed out that his "main" mission is "to call our people back to God."

He stated, "I believe the greatest need of our land, the most important issue of the day, is for those in government and those in the private sector and everybody, everywhere, to return to the principles that have made this country great - and that is to put God first in everything that we think, say or do."

Pruitt Calvert as 'Aunt Blabby'

The public is invited to attend the special program and reception that follows. Calvert's classmates are especially encouraged to attend and also participate in reunion activities on Saturday morning commemorating the group's fiftieth anniversary.

Although there is no admission charge, contributions will be accepted to help the College build a new recreational trail around the College lake.

The trail is named in honor of the late Dick Livingston of Pulaski, who served almost 30 years in the Mississippi House of Representatives.

He was also a longtime supporter of education and especially East Central Community College, his alma mater.

The Dick Livingston Recreational/Study Trail will officially be dedicated during ceremonies in the spring.

For more information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

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Campus tours available during ECCC Homecoming

Tours of the East Central Community College campus will be availabe during specified times at this weekend's homecoming celebration, announced Larry Hogue, Vice President for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Hogue said two 45-minute tours, beginning at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 7, and will originate at Harrison Park, which is located between Burton Library and the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center.

Among areas of interest included in each tour are the College walking trail, the Eddie M. Smith Student Union and Barber Hall, a new dormitory for female students.

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WEEK OF 10/2/00

ECCC will host reception to showcase alumnus' artwork

The East Central Community College art department will host a reception to showcase the artwork of alumnus Mike Mott (Class of 1981) Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center, announced Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and art instructor. The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 31.

The display will include a variety of surrealistic, science fiction and fantasy images created in a wide range of media, but with a predominance of computer generated images or computer graphics.

Mott is creative director for MPI Software Technology, a high-performance software company. He is also a freelance artist and writer who writes both fiction and non-fiction.

He has worked as an artist/designer for Fortune 500 companies, for an NSF Engineering Research Center, and for a variety of freelance clients.

His artwork has appeared in numerous publications such as Computer Graphics World Magazine, Computer Artist and IEEE Computer.

He has also created artwork and graphic design for mass-market book covers, posters, brochures and CD-ROM covers and has won several design awards.

Mott and his wife, Melissa, have four children: Heather, 16; Audrey, 14; Matthew, 12; and Ryan 6.

For more information contact Guraedy at 601-625-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 229.

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OBSERVES 70TH CLASS REUNION - This weekend's homecoming observance at East Central Community College will have special meaning for Francis Smith of Decatur, whose graduating class will observe its 70th reunion. Mrs. Smith is shown displaying a photo of the 1930 group, which represents the first class to graduate from the two-year institution, founded in 1928. She is shown with her husband, J. B. Smith (right, a 1934 graduate, and Dr. Phil Sutphin, College president.

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WEEK OF 10/2/10

Gunter gains honor from East Central

Sue Gunter joins two other former East Central Community College standouts Saturday in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. The three inductees, including Billy Ray Dill of Escatawpa, Jimmy Rea of Madison and Gunter, will swell the Hall of Fame ranks to 38.

Gunter, a Leake County native, is one of only three coaches in the history of women's collegiate basketball to win 600 career games.

She begins her 19th year at Louisiana State University as the fourth winningest active coach in the nation with an overall record of 613 wins and 272 losses.

Prior to taking the reins of the Lady Tiger program, she successfully led teams at Middle Tennessee State and Stephen F. Austin.

Gunter also served as head coach for the 1980 United States Olympic Team, which was denied a chance at the gold medal due to the U.S. boycott of the summer games.

She served as an assistant coach on the 1976 U.S. team, which captured silver in Montreal.

Gunter was inducted into the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999.

Gunter is also a former standout player at National Business College, East Central Junior College, where she attended in 1957-58 and Walnut Grove High School.

At NBC, she played AAU basketball from 1958-62, earning All-American honors as her team captured two national titles. She represented the USA in international competition against the Soviet Union from 1960-62.

Dill played halfback and defensive back on the 1964 and 1965 Warrior squads, earning honorable mention All-State following his sophomore campaign. He is also a former standout at Forest High School and Mississippi College.

Rea, a Philadelphia native, was a standout running back and defensive back on the 1956 and 1957 Warrior teams. He also excelled in track, winning first place in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes at the State Junior Collect meet his sophomore year. He also had a stellar career at Philadelphia High School and Louisiana College.

Others being honored are Lebrun Sibbo Hutchison, Alumnus of the Year, Jeanette Beevers Thrash, Alumna of the Year, Dr. Linda Lane, Academic Instructor of the Year, and Sandra Thomas, Vo-Tech.

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WEEK OF 10/2/00

Four named to East Central Athletic Hall of Fame

Membership in East Central Community College's Athletic Hall of Fame will increase to 38 following the induction of three former standouts during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 7 on the Decatur campus.

Joining the elite group are Billy Ray Dill of Escatawpa, Coach Sue Gunter, head women's basketball coach Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and Jimmy Rea of Madison.

Dill played halfback and defensive back on the 1964 and 1965 Warrior squads, earning honorable mention All-State recognition his freshman year, and honorable mention All-American and All-State honors following his sophomore campaign. He is a former standout at Forest High School and Mississippi College.

Gunter, a Leake County native, is one of only three coaches in the history of women's collegiate basketball to win 600 career games. She begins her nineteenth year at LSU as the fourth winningest active coach in the nation with an overall record of 613 wins and 272 losses. Prior to taking over the Lady Tiger program, she successfully led teams at Middle Tennessee State and Stephen F. Austin. She also served as head coach of the 1980 United States Olympic Team, which was denied a chance at the gold medal due to the U.S. boycott of the games held that year in Moscow. She served as an assistant coach on the 1976 U.S. team, which captured the silver medal in Montreal.

In recognition of her outstanding coaching career, which spans over 36 years, Gunter was inducted into the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999.

Gunter is also a former standout at National Business College, East Central Junior College, where she attended in 1957-58, and Walnut Grove High School. At NBC, she played AAU basketball from 1958-62, earning All-American honors as her team captured two national titles. She represented the USA in international competition against the Soviet Union from 1960-62.

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In addition to the new Athletic Hall of Fam members, others being honored during Home coming activities include S. LeBrun "Sibb Hutchison (Class of 1949) of Littleton, Colorad and formerly of Philadelphia, "Alumnus of th Year"; Jeanette Beevers Thrash (Class of 1958) o Decatur, "Alumna of the Year"; Dr. Linda Lane o Jackson, "Academic Instructor of the Year"; San dra Thomas of Chunky, "Vocational-Technica Instructor of the Year"; and photographer Jame Land(Class of 1938) who is being presented Lifetime Achievement Award.

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WEEK OF 10/9/10

EC presenters

Special guests at the recent quarterly meeting of the East Central Community College District Workforce Council were the above individuals who addressed varius topics of concern related to economic development, especially in relation to growing businesse and industries in the college's five-county district. Seated from left are Joel O'Briant of Louisville, director, Winston County Industrial Development Authority; Linda Shepard of Carthage, executive director, Leake County Chamber of Commerce; and Roger Whitlock, director, ECCC Workforce Development Center. Standing from left are Ed D'Antoni of Philadelphia, director, Neshoba County Industrial Development Authority; Rusty McMilan of Newton, executive director, Mid-Mississippi Development; Jim Finley, President/CEO, Craft-Co Enterprises, Inc. in Morton, member of the council and represents the college on the state Workforce Council; Dr. Wayne Stonecypher of Jackson, associate executive director, State Board for Communty and Junior Colleges; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president.

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MOREAUS VISIT ECCC PRESIDENT - Hank and Sara Moreau of Decatur recently visited the East Central Community College campus and were special luncheon guests of Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (right),College president. They are shown in front of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following a tour of the campus. (EC Photo)

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REGISTERING FOR ECCC CONFERENCE - More than 150 students and advisors representing 12 community colleges and 17 chapters recently converged on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur for the annual Phi theta Kappa Regional Leadership Conference. Shown above are students from Mississippi and Louisiana as they registered at Turkey Creek Water Park for the two-day meeting. Activities later moved to ECCC where various speakers addressed the group. Phi theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Serving as advisors for East Central's theta Xi Chapter are English instructors Carol Shackelford and Laura Hammons.

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WEEK OF 10/9/00

ECCC leaves some positions open to save money

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — In the wake of cuts in allocations from the Mississippi State Legislature, East Central Community College's board of trustees voted Tuesday not to fill the position of vice president for student services.

Sutphin

"We had planned to fill that position this year, but now we won't do that until July," said ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin.

The board reviewed Sutphin's plans to offset the newest round of cuts in state funding. Sutphin said the school has already compensated for a $77,000 cut earlier in the year. New plans will address a current $88,000 shortfall in state funding and another expected cutback of $303,000.

He said school officials have budgeted in such a way that those cutbacks can be covered on a one-time basis.

"We have a couple of positions open that we won't fill and we also under-budgeted for some additional revenue we have coming in, so we will be fine," he said. Sutphin said an example of the additional revenue is profit from the school bookstore.

The opening in the vice president's position came when Randall Lee took a new position at East Mississippi Community College earlier in the year. Joe Killens has been serving in that position on an interim basis.

The board heard several reports, including one on a proposed water irrigation system for the front section of the school's campus and one on the proposed extension of the college's walking trail, located near the new soccer field on the north end of campus.

Also discussed were plans for the 2000 Regional Legislative Committee Meeting, which will be held Nov. 7 at Meridian Community College.

During that time officials from East Central Community College, Meridian Community College and East Mississippi Community College will confer with their state legislators about the needs and concerns of two-year schools. The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. in Meridian Hall.

Austin Bishop is a staff writer for The Meridian Star. E-mail him at abishop@meridianstar.com.

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ECCC Workforce Council

Above are members of the East Central Community College Workforce Development Council who recently held their quarterly meeting on the Decatur campus. The purpose of the Council is to provide direction for the progressive development and delivery of workforce training and support services to individuals, employers and communities in the five-county district. Seated from left are **Jim Finley, President/CEO of Craft-Co Enterprises in Morton;** Roger Whitlock, Council secretary and Director, ECCC Workforce Development Center; Can Bowman, Council Vice Chair and Operations Manager at Peco Farms in Sebastopol; Linda Shepard, Executive Director, Leake County Chamber of Commerce; and Paula Kerr of Newton, GED instructor, East Central Community College. Standing from left are Frank Alford, Training Coordinator, Raytheon System Company, Forest; Monte Ladner, Director of Vocational-Technical Education, Leake County Schools; Dan Breeding, General Manager, La-Z-Boy South in Newton; Andy Rowzee, Site Manager, ESCO Corporation, Newton; Frank Moore, Owner/President, Hardy Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia; Ken Walker, Human Research Manager, Choctaw Maid Farms, Carthage, Guy Nowell, Senior Vice President, Merchants and Farmers Bank, Philadelphia; Ricky Culberson, member, SCIW UBC Local 3181, Plywood Division, Georgia Pacific, Louisville; and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC President. Council members not pictured are Marie Patridge. Mill-Services Coordinator, Weyerhaeuser Company, Philadelphia; Ed McGowan, GED instructor, East Central Community College; Allen Breland, President/CEO, Bank of Forest; and Rodis Shealy Council chair, Director of Manufacturing Engineering, Taylor Machine Works, Louisville. For information regarding services provided at the ECCC Workforce

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East Central Community College GED instuctors named

A pre-session workshop for Adult Basic Education/General Education Development faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur campus. Instructors from Scott County include (seated, from left) Elizabeth Nutt of Morton, Melanie Cleveland of Forest, and Tony Lee of Forest; and (back row, from left) Mary Townsend, Ann Clements, and Pat Cleveland, all of Forest, and Carol Greer of Morton. ABE/GED courses are offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222). (EC Photo)

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ASSISTS AREA BUSINESSES, INDUSTRIES - Providing assistance to area businesses and industries are the above members of Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Jim Hansford, workforce development coordinator; Sylvia Bush, work-based learning coordinator; Joe Renaud, personal development specialist; Virgie Thames, secretary, Small Business Development Center; Ronald B. Westbrook, director, SBDC; Emilie Smith, secretary, Workforce Development Center; Ron Forest, workforce development coordinator; Natalie Vance, basic skills specialist; and Roger Whitlock, director, Workforce Development Center. Whitlock said the mission of the Center is "to support businesses, industries, individuals and communities with the assessment, training, job placement, consultation and educational services designed to improve the economy by enhancing the employability skills of citizens in our five county district."

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WEEK OF Oct. 16, 2000

Barrier named ECCC's 'Arts and Humanities Teacher of the Year'

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — English professor and award-winning songwriter Leonard Barrier has been named East Central Community College's Arts and Humanities Teacher of the Year.

He was selected as ECCC's Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working Toward Academic Excellence Instructor of the Year in 1995 and in 1999.

The former president of the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association is an award-winning songwriter. His new song, "Singing and Rejoicing," will be recorded soon by one of the top groups in Southern gospel music, The Crabb Family.

Barrier, who has been an English instructor at ECCC for 12 years, will lecture during a special program Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the ECCC campus.

The topic of the lecture will be "Creativity from the Soul: Southern Gospel Music in the Making." He has written more than 400 songs and has also had other work published, such as articles, stories and poems.

Barrier, of Philadelphia, is a 1974 graduate of ECCC. He teaches creative writing, English composition, American literature and developmental English.

The former Neshoba Central teacher, who is also a graduate of that school, was named to the Hall of Fame at ECCC as a student and went on to graduate from Mississippi College. He also attended Mississippi State University and the Jackson College of Ministries.

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WEEK OF Oct. 16, 2008

Whittle Visits ECCC President

Wilmer Whittle (left), chief executive officer of Newton County Bank in Newton, recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and was a special luncheon guest of ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Whittle and NCB have been longtime supporters of the College. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Oct. 21, 2010

ECCC homecoming honorees

Above are recipients of the annual Alumni Association awards presented during homecoming activities at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Philadelphia native S. Lebrun "Sibb" Hutchison of Littleton, Colo., Alumnus of the Year; Jeanette Beevers Thrash of Decatur, Alumna of the Year; Dr. Linda Lane of Jackson, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Sandra Thomas of Chunky, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. Dr. Lane teaches Spanish and French and Thomas is a licensed practical nursing instructor. Standing from left are Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Jimmy Rea of Madison, formerly of Philadelphia; Forest native Billy Ray Dill of Escatawpa; and Sue Gunter, head women's basketball coach at Louisiana State University. Coach Gunter is a native of Walnut Grove. At right is photographer James Land of Union, who was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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WEEK OF Oct. 21, 2010

Attend adjunct faculty workshop

East Central Community College recently held its annual fall workshop for members of the College's adjunct faculty. Instructors from Scott County who attended the program included (from left) Tracy Price (history) and Dr. James Pittman (economics). The workshop is coordinated by the Office of Adult and Continuing Education. East Central offers courses at various locations throughout the College's district which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties. (EC Photo).

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Assists area businesses, industries

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Noted pianist in concert at EC

Acclaimed pianist Ian Hominick will be in concert Wednesday, October 25, at East Central Community College in Decatur. His performance begins at 1 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. There is no charge for admission.

Hominick, a native of Nova Scotia, is recognized for the lyrical romantic interpretations he brings to the classical repertoire. His talent was cited early in his career with numerous awards and broadcast performances on radio and television.

While placing special emphasis on the major masterworks of the Romantic literature, his repertoire ranges from the Baroque to the Contemporary. His concert at ECCC includes works by Clementi, Chopin, Schubert and Thalberg.

Hominick's recitals have been broadcast nationally on CBC Radio, RadioCanada and National Public Radio in the United States. His premiere CD recording of the works of the legendary romantic virtuoso Sigismund Thalberg was released in 1995 to rave reviews.

An active soloist, adjudicator and teacher, he maintains a busy schedule of concerts and master classes across the United States and Canada. One critic recently commented that "Hominick proved to be a good-natured, positive and perceptive clinician with an exceptional ability to pull music out of each pianist in a very individual way."

Hominick, who joined the piano faculty at the University of Mississippi in 1999, earlier taught on the faculties of the University of Newfoundland, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, De Paul University and Lake Forest College.

He attended Mt. Allison University of Canada before continuing his studies in the United States under the tutelage of the renowned virtuosi Jerome Rose and Earl Wild. He has received degrees from Bowling Green State University and Ohio State University where he served as assistant to both Wild and Canadian pianist Andre' Laplante.

For more information contact the Fine Arts Department, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss., Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 229.

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

Regina Rigby to direct ECCC theatre productions

Regina Rigby of Forest was recently selected to serve as director of the fall dinner theater and spring musical productions at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president. Assisting Rigby will be ECCC speech instructor Juanita West.

Rigby, who teaches science and serves as department chairman at Hawkins Middle School in Forest, brings a wealth of experience to the part-time position. Her most recent directing credit involved this past summer's production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, sponsored by Forest Community Arts. She has also directed productions of *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*, and *Accommodations*. Her acting credits include *Steel Magnolias*, *The Curious Savage*, *Carousel*, and *Accommodations*.

Rigby

The Newton High School graduate also participated in theater productions while a student at East Central, where she was a member of the Class of 1978. She was cast in lead roles for *Blithe Spirit*, *The Savage Dilemma*, and *The Sound of Music*, which were under the direction of Bruce Peterson. At EC she received several honors, including the Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech Award, ECJC Players Award, and the Secondary Education Award.

Rigby continued her education at MS College, where she graduated with special distinction and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

She is a member of Forest United Methodist Church and serves on the Board of Directors for Forest Community Arts, where she is also resident director of plays and musicals.

She is married to William A. (Bill) Rigby and they have two children, Ginny, a 2000 ECCC graduate now attending the University of Southern MS, and Anse, an eighth grader at Hawkins Middle School in Forest.

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

Nance honored for service

East Central Community College Board of Trustees member Jerry Nance of Louisville received special recognition for 15 years of service to the college during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held this summer in Biloxi. Shown presenting Nance, who also serves as board secretary, with a plaque of appreciation is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Among presenters at the meeting were Senator Jack Gordon, Representative John Read, Mississippi Power Company President and CEO Dwight Evans and Mississippi State University President Dr. Malcolm Portera.

Jerry Nance and Dr. Phil Sutphin

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WEEK OF 11/13/10

COMPLETE COMPUTER TRAINING above are employees of La-Z-Boy South in Newton who recently completed a computer training course in Microsoft Word '97 coordinated by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are, from left - Annie Turner of Newton, Margurite Wilson of Hickory, Eva Watts of Newton, Tommy L. Griffin of Collinsville, Stanley Nelson of Meridian, Georgia Monk of Newton, Tommy Evans of Forest and Letha Hall of Newton.

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WEEK OF 11/13/00

FORMER ECCC WARRIORS MEET - Above are coaches, cheerleaders and members of the 1974, 1975 and 1976 East Central Community College football teams who attended reunion activities held as part of the college's Homecoming 2000 celebration. First row, from left - Don Myers, Birmingham, Ala.; Becky Hynes and Dewitt Hynes, both of Brandon; and Timmy Hamil, Jeanerette, Louisiana; second row - Burl "Buggie" Johnson and Gerald Shepard, both of Union; Terry Bates, Forest; and Coach Willie Coats and Coach Ken Pouncey, both of Decatur. Third row, from left are Murray Moorehead, Union; Ronnie Harris and Chris Harris, both of Decatur; Keith Mangrum, Kosciusko; and Tim Cooper, Morton. Attending reunion activities but not pictured are Ricky Breaux, Houma, La.; Bubba Cochran of Newton; Ricky Harrison, Decatur; Gary Harthcock, Madison; and Johnny Wells, Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF 11/26/00

Class of '70 grads

Above are members of the Class of 1970 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held as part of the College's Homecoming 2000 celebration. Seated from left are Nan Evans Roebuck of Pearl, and Jane Long Johnson of Carthage. Standing from left are Maudean Sanders, Union; John Vance, Brandon; Charles Wayne Lasher, Forest; Linda Kay Blount Jones, Fairhope, Alabama; and Glenda Smith, Decatur. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

Class of '40 reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1940 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held as part of the College's Homecoming 2000 celebration. Standing from left are Merle Crumpton, Brandon; Curtis Slay, Ridgeland; and Ide B. Dickens, Carthage. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

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WEEK OF 11/28/10

Vo-Tech advisers

Above are members of the East Central Community College Vocational-Technical Advisory Council, who recently held their annual fall meeting on the Decatur campus. Council members include (first row, from left) Dr. Clyde Lindley, director, Winston-Louisville Vo-Tech Center; Kenneth Whitefield, purchasing assistant, Georgia Pacific, Louisville; Jewel Walker, employment counselor, Philadelphia; Linda Lewis, director, Neshoba County; and Rhonda Bounds, Newton; (second row, from left) Nelson Wilson, project director, Philadelphia; Mark Savell, director, Newton County Vo-Tech Center, Decatur; Pam Peoples, counselor, Leake County Vo-Tech Center, Carthage; and Teresa Nowell, marketing specialist, Jackson; (third row, from left) John Knopp, production manager and Cliff Godwin, facility manager, both from Allied Enterprises, Philadelphia; Ed Eichelberger, director, Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center; and Harold Cleveland, CEO, Tri-C Wood Products, Union; and (fourth row, from left) Bill Triplett, vice president and Jim Mangum, development coordinator, both with MHC, Jackson; and Robert Murphy, director, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center. Also serving on the council is Carl Blocker, member service director, Central Electric Power Association.

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WEEK OF 11/20/00

Long visits ECCC

Paul Long (right), general manager of Central Electric Power Association in Carthage, recently visited with East Central Community College president, Dr. Phil Sutphin, (left) and received information regarding the College's new technology system. In 1988, CEPA made a five-year pledge of $100,000 to upgrade the college's information technology system. Already in place, the new technology has dramatically enhanced the speed and efficiency of all aspects of the College's computer management system.

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WEEK OF 11/20/00

Attend EC reunion

Above are alumni of the Associate Degree Nursing program at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held as part of the College's Homecoming 2000 celebration. Standing from left are Tammie Walker, Hickory; Ellen Null, Brewton, Alabama; Jerry Nance and Mary Quinn, both of Louisville; and Jacqueline Coward, Carthage. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur,Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 323.

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WEEK OF 11/27/00

Attend ECCC class of 1990 reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1980 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held as part of the College's Homecoming 2000 celebration. Standing from left are Rose McGee Walker, Kentwood, La.; Kathy Harrison, Philadelphia and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. Also attending but not pictured is Melissa Thompson of Jackson. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free I-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

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WEEK OF 11/27/00

Attend ECCC Class of 1990 reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1990 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held at part of the college's homecoming 2000 celebration. From left are, Hal Land of Louisville; Kay Chambers of Decatur; Stella Dickerson of Union; John King of Philadelphia and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. For more infromation regarding alumni activities contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations office, East Central Communioty College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, ro call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 323.

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WEEK OF Dec. 4, 2000

MAYES COMPLETES MICROSOFT TRAINING - Polly Mayes of Newton, a drafting and design technology instructor at East Central Community College, Decatur, recently completed two days of Mentor Microsoft training held at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Applied Technology and Development Center in Gulfport. Mayes was among faculty members of other state community colleges who will return to their home colleges and provide training for faculty and staff.

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WEEK OF 12/4/10

Above are members of the East Central Community College Workforce Development Council who recently held their quarterly meeting on the Decatur campus. The purpose of the Council is to provide direction for the progressive development and delivery of workforce training and support services to individuals, employers and communities in the five-county district. Seated from left are Jim Finley, President/CEO of Craft-Co Enterprises, in Morton; Roger Whitlock, Council secretary and Director ECCC Workforce Development Center; Van Bowman, Council Vice Chair and Operations Manager at Peco Farms in Sebastopol; Linda Shepard, Executive Director , Leake County Chamber of Commerce; and Paula Kerr of Newton, GED instructor, East Central Community College. Standing from left are Frank Arnold, training Coordinator, Raytheon System Company, Forest; Monte Ladner, Director of Vocational-Technical Education, Leake County Schools; Dan Breeding, General Manager, La-Z-Boy South in Newton; Andy Rowzee, Site Manager, ESCO Corporation, Newton; Frank Moore, Owner/President, Hardy Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia; Ken Walker, Human Research Manager, Choctaw Maid Farms, Carthage; Guy Nowell, Senior Vice President Merchants and Farmers Bank, Philadelphia; Ricky Culberson, member, SCIW UBC Local 3181, Plywood Division, Georgia Pacific, Louisville; and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC President. Council members not pictured are Marie Partridge, Mill-Services Coordinator, Weyerhaeuser Company, Philadelphia; Ed McGowan, GED instructor, East Central Community College; Allen Breland, President/CEO, Bank of Forest; and Rodis Shealy, Council chair, Director of Manufacturing Engineering, Taylor Machine Works, Louisville. For information regarding services provided at the ECCC Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Small Business Development Meeting held on campus was attended by these shown, seated from left - Kate Thomas and Martha Moore, Union Chamber of Commerce; Janet Haggie, Dean of Continuing Education, Meridian Community College; State Representative Mike Eakes, Philadelphia; and Gilbert Thompson, Business Research Specialist, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Standing from left - Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC President; Joel O'Bryant, Executive Director, Winston County Development District; State Representative Billy Nicholson, Union; Thomas Saulsberry, Asso. Director, Mississippi Small Business Dev. Center; Mr. Gurley; Bill Richardson, Exec. Director, East Central Planning and Development District; and Mr. Ronald B. Westbrook, ECCC S.B.D.C. director.

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ECCC 'house' under construction

Representatives from the Mississippi Home Corporation and personnel from East Central Community College are shown in a house currently under construction by students in the College's carpentry and cabinetmaking program. MHC provided funding for the project, which is scheduled for completion during the spring 2001 semester. The 1248 square-foot structure will have three bedrooms and two baths. Central heating and air conditioning will also be included. The house will be advertised for sale in April, 2001. From left are Fredrick Lyons, carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor; Jim Mangum, development services coordinator, MHC; John Adcock, dean of vocational-technical instruction; Teresa Newell, marketing specialist, MHC; Robert Murphy, director, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of ECCC; and William S. Triplett, vice president of business development, MHC.

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Alumni/Homecoming/Scholarships

WEEK OF 12/4/00

ECCC Alumnus donates calculators

Calculus students at East Central Community College in Decatur have access to the latest in technology thanks to a generous donation by alumnus Steve Webb (left), president of The Citizens Bank in Philadelphia. Webb purchased 30 TI-89 graphing calculators to be used by the College's math department. The 1952 ECCC graduate is shown during the presentation with Gloria McRae, math Instructor; L. B. Bullock, mathematics division chairman; and Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president.

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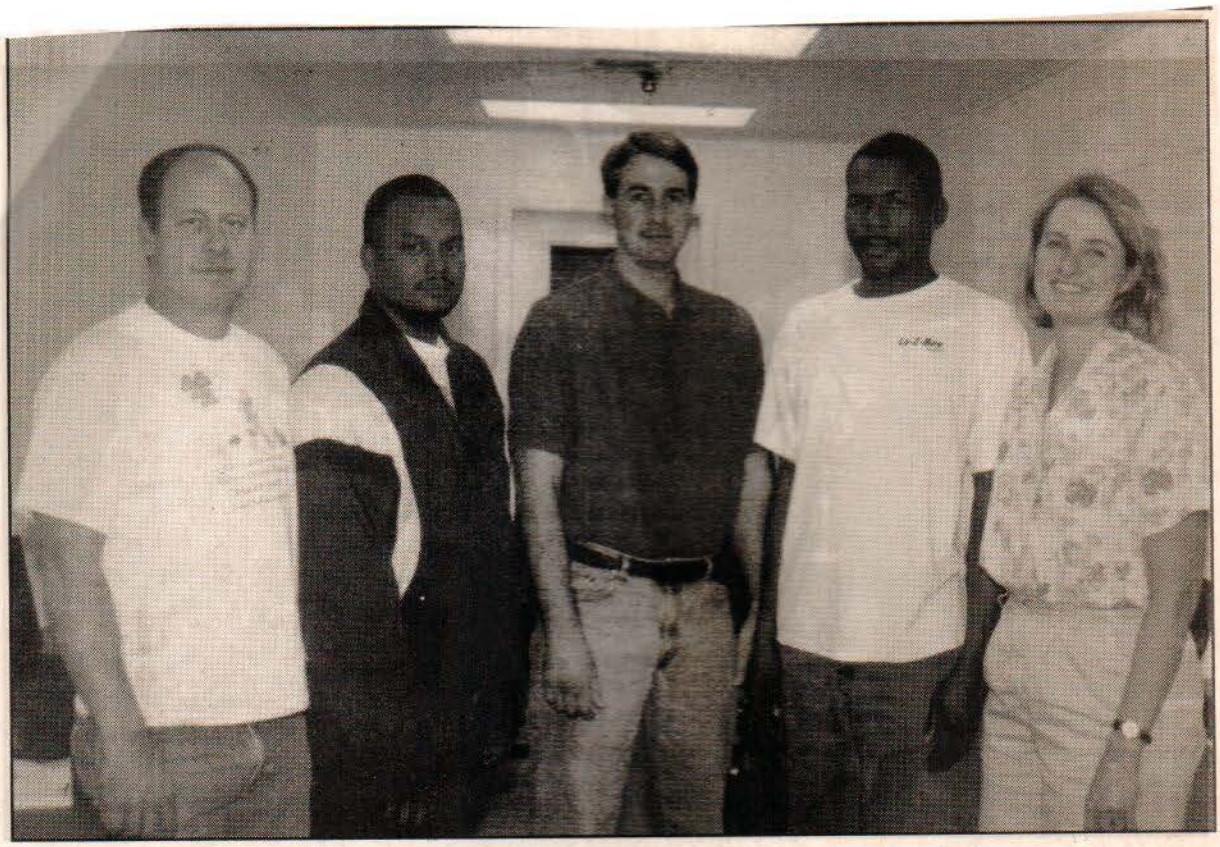

La-Z-Boy empoyees receive computer training

These employees at La-Z-Boy South in Newton recently completed a computer course in Microsoft Excel'97, which was coordinated by the Workforce Development Center at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Harry Vance of Lake, Arthur Nelson and Mike Steele, both of Newton; and Arnold Gary of Forest. At right is instructor Sandy Parr of Noxapater. Not pictured are Susan Heard and Rick Waites who also completed the computer course. For information regarding additional services offered at the ECCC Workforce Development Center, Phone 645-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 299.

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Mark 50-year anniversary

These members of the East Central Community College Class of 1950 were among special groups recognized during homecoming activities held on the Decatur campus. Attending their 50th class reunion were (seated from left) Marion Chiles, Knoxville, TN; Pruitt Calvert, Louisville; Pat Shelton McInnis, Waynesboro; Martha Hardage Magee, Jackson; Hilda Brantley Mayers, Brandon; and Betty Harrison, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Wallace Wall, Raymond; Carlton McMillin, Carthage; Ralph Rives, Madison; John Webb, Greenwood; Raymond Gomillion, Metairie, LA; Robert McCrory, Benton, KY; Lloyd Youngblood, Oak Ridge, TN; and Richard "Bus" Chambless, Union.

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WEEK OF 12/18/00

College foundation eyes developmen

By STANLEY DEARMAN
The Neshoba Democrat

In its efforts to strengthen the resources of East Central Community College, the college's foundation board heard from a couple who had done the same things at Jones County Community College at Ellisville.

Community colleges in Mississippi in recent years face decreased public funding and have had to rely increasingly on endowments and other contributions from alumni and friends, including corporations and industries.

At a buffet luncheon meeting at the college, Billy and Linda Howard of Howard Industries in Laurel discussed the successful program they helped institute at Jones. With the aid of a slide presentation, the Howards went through the organizational and solicitation methods they used.

They played a significant role in helping Jones County Community College raise the private capital needed to help develop the technology center.

Howard Industries, founde 1968, is the second largest p industrial employer in Missis with 3,800 employees, second o Ingalls Shipbuilding at Pasca Howard's sales in 2000 were in e of $500 million. The company

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factures electrical components, including distribution transformers and ballasts. It also manufactures computers.

In 32 years in business, Howard Industries, Inc., has emerged as the leading manufacturer of transformers in the United States, and does business in over 115 countries.

Billy Howard, CEO of Howard Industries, is a native of this area, having been born in Winston County. He received his electrical engineering degree from Mississippi State University where he lettered in football, basketball and track. After teaching and coaching for a brief period he went to work for General Electric, moving up to the position of national marketing development manager.

In 1969, Linda Howard joined the industry and is now president of Howard Industries. She is a native of Perry, Ga., and holds a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University and a master of education degree from the University of North Carolina. She has experience as a college administrator.

ECCC President Phil Sutphin said, "They have a long list of civic and environmental accomplishments and have contributed generously to many organizations. They have established a company policy to pay for books and tuition for any employee who works to obtain associate, bachelor, or graduate degrees.

"We are delighted to have the Howards with us today and look forward to their remarks on the subject of collegiate fund raising."

In his remarks, Dr. Sutphin also expressed thanks to a couple, also guests at the luncheon, for their contribution:

"I especially want to welcome Hank and Sara Moreau to our meeting. They have created a planned gift to the college, the largest in the college's history. Their generosity is a beacon to others and we hope that their leadership role in this regard will inspire others to help East Central move beyond the expected."

Dr. Sutphin mentioned also several needs of the college at the present time

"As we look to the future of the college, we want to strengthen East Central so that the college can more effectively carry out is mission. Of course the major resources we use come from the state and our five-county district. However, there are many more needs than the resources of the state and the counties can reach. They are both fiscal and physical.

"The college needs to complete the Eddie M. Smith Student Union to provide a quality environment.

Billy Howard, left, CEO of Howard Industries at Laurel, anc Howard, president, told the East Central Community College Fou how Jones Junior College successfully raised private funds to technology center that will be a major part of the Howard Tec Park. Billy Howard, a native of Winston County, founded the com 1968 that is now the second largest private industrial employe state with 3,800. Sales for 2000 were in excess of $500 million. I is East Central President Dr. Phil Sutphin.

"The college needs to upgrade its science laboratories to ensure that students are well prepared in those areas.

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School to provide additional classroomspace for our expanding student body.

"The college needs to completely endow the Faculty Excellence Endowment Fund, to ensure that the faculty has access to resources to help them continue to stay on top of their field.

"The college needs to increase the number and size of Endowed Scholarships so that no prospective student is denied an education for lack of money.

"The college needs to enhance its athletic facilities to provide a focal point for alumni and student pride.

"The college needs to enhance its grounds and develop the Day Arboretum Project and fitness trail for community involvement with the college.

"Our lists of needs could go on, but the point is: We need the support of the total community to ensure that the total educational needs of the community are met.

"As we explore ways to generate the extras that will carry the college into the new century we felt that the model used at Jones County Junior College was worthy of review."

Also taking part on the program were David Howell, foundation chairman; John Adcock, dean of vocational-technical education; Mickey Howard, foundation secretary-treasurer; and Larry Hogue, foundation executive secretary. Student entertainment was provided by David Thorne, Caleb Cook, both of Hickory, and Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove.

Dr. Eddie Smith, retired college president, was also present, as was a new member of the foundation, Jimmy Rea.

WEEK OF 12/18/00

BRACKEENS VISIT ECCC PRESIDENT -East Central Community College alumni Denver (Class of 1953) and Charlotte (Class of 1951) Brackeen of Union were recent luncheon guests of ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left). Dr. Sutphin provided the couple with a progress report on their alma mater and also presented them with various gifts in appreciation for their support through the years. (EC Photo)

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SPECIAL ECCC GUEST - Bobby Caldwell (right), a 1951 graduate of East Central Community College in Decatur, recently visited the Decatur campus and was a luncheon guest of ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left). Caldwell, a retired teacher from Arizona, was also presented with various College gifts and was provided with an update about his alma mater. In addition, he participated in a tour of the campus provided by Larry Hogue, vice president for foundation and alumni relations. (EC Photo)

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SPECIAL ECCC GUEST - W.J. Johnson, Jr. (left) of Decatur was a recent luncheon guest of East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who is shown presenting the retired attorney with various College gifts. Johnson served as attorney for the College's Board of Trustees for 35 years. He was selected the College's Alumnus of the Year in 1968 and was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996. (EC Photo)

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Special ECCC Guests

Retired Neshoba Democrat editor/publisher Stanley Dearman, left, and his wife Carolyn recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were luncheon guests of ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (right). Dr. Sutphin expressed appreciation to the Dearmans for their support of the College through the years and presented the Philadelphia couple with various gifts. The Dearmans also participated in a campus tour provided by Larry Hogue, vice president for foundation and alumni relations. (EC Photo)

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Buildings / Programs

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ECCC Repays Loan For House

REPAYS LOAN - Dr. Ben Mokry, Sr. VP of Research and Dev., MS Home Corp., Ms. Bolen, Dr. Sutphin, John Adcock, dean of vocational technical instruction, and Fredrick Lyons, carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor. (EC Photo)

East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented a check in the amount of $30,500 to Dianne Bolen, executive director of the Mississippi Home Corporation, which represents repayment of an interest-free loan used to construct a single family dwelling shown in the background.

East Central was selected by MHC as the first recipient of the BET (Building Experienced Tradesmen Program) Loan used to provide future builders, in this case students enrolled in the College's carpentry and cabinetmaking program, with hands-on experience in construction trades.

To date, East Central has built five houses in association with the MHC project. In accepting the loan repayment, Bolen said: "The BET Program is another innovative home buyer product that allows the Mississippi Home Corporation to offer nity to obtain a safe and decent home." She added, "By partnering with East Central Community College, the students learn a most desirable trade and the potential homebuyer receives a well-constructed home at an affordable price." The College will advertise for bids to purchase the house during the spring 2001 semester.

Regarding the MHC project, Dr. Sutphin stated: "The students in East Central Community College's vocational and technical programs have had a great learning experience as a direct result of the Mississippi Home Corporation's loan program. We were able to purchase all of the materials needed to build a complete house each year. Students in several of our building trades programs were able to get real world experience in the area of their training. The opportunity provided by the loan from MHC allowed us to

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Faculty/Administration

WEEK OF 12/18/00

ECCC'S HENNINGTON HONORED - Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington (right) of Clinton, chemistry and biology instructor at East Central, was recently honored for her service to the college's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Dr. Hennington was presented a plaque of appreciation from club sponsor Carol Shackelford who cited Dr. Hennington's success in receiving a grant to assist chapter members with their water quality project. Thanks to Dr. Hennington's efforts, Theta Xi received over $1,000 from NASA through the University of Mississippi, which is being used to test the quality of water in rivers and creeks near area poultry processing plants. The water-testing project is being conducted as part of Theta Xi's honor study topic for 2000-01, "In the Midst of Water: Origin and Destiny of Life." The presentation was made at Theta Xi's induction ceremony for new members. (EC Photo)

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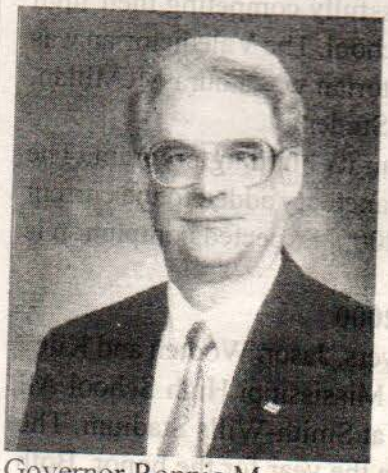
Board / Officials

WEEK OF 12/25/10

A surprise party was given at the end of July for employees of the Moody Broadcast Station, WMBU-FM in Lake. Denny Goodwin and Zoe Brumfield said farewell as the parent owners, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois decided to apply for "main studio waiver" for the station located on Bald Hill in Lake. Goodwin and Brumfield had been at the station since its opening in August of 1997.



A reception honoring the newly appointed President of East Central Community College, Dr. Phil A. Sutphin was held in Decatur. Sutphin took over the position previously held by Dr. Eddie Smith. Sutphin is a Mathiston native who is a graduate of Wood College, Mississippi State University and the University of Memphis.

Governor Ronnie Musgrove appointed Tina Mabry, MS RN CS, Family Nurse Practitioner to the Mississippi Board of Nursing. She will fill the position of Nurse Practitioner Board Member for a four-year term ending in July 2004.

In ceremonies held at Lake High School, members of the 2000 Lake Hornet Baseball Team received their State Championship Rings. The rings, purchased by the school and the Lake Diamond Club, went to every member of the team as well as the coaches.

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WEEK OF 12/25/00

East Central plays important role in

By Paul Simmons

One of the best -kept secrets in Winston County is the vast extent of services the county receives through East Central Community College. There is hardly any part of our economy and community that does not benefit from ECCC.

Mississippi has led the way in the development of community colleges nationally and East Central has been recognized as one of the leading community colleges in Mississippi.

On October 29 through November 1, 2000, a team from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) visited ECCC for the Reaffirmation of Accreditation site visit, which happens every ten years. The team included twelve professionals from colleges in eight states across the South and a representative from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The committee's task was to review and make recommendations to improve the educational quality of the college.

I had the privilege of attending the final session of the SACS committee and hear the report of their findings. Their few recommendations and suggestions were minor. However, the committee gave two impressive commendations:

1. "The Committee commends ECCC faculty for their caring, for their concern and commitment to the students and for their loyalty to the institution in accomplishing its goals and objectives."
2. "The committee commends ECCC for its outstanding faculty."

Dr. John Dwyer of Decatur, Georgia, a representative of the SACS Association, in closing remarks said, "I have participated in dozens of these teams and it is rare for a college to receive a commendation and very rare for them to receive two."

East Central is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the state. For 16 straight years East Central has set enrollment records. The current enrollment is 2370 students, 313 from Winston County. In addition, ECCC trained over 6100 employees of businesses and industries last year. They also reached over 1893 adults who needed more basic skills to get their high school diplomas, several of whom were served right here in Winston County.

In Winston County alone during this year, 1273 employees of industries received some type of additional training through ECCC. The training varied with the needs for improved job performance and safety - from CPR and first aid to welding. Projects were also conducted in basic math, truck driving, forklift training and GED classes. These included employees of Georgia Pacific, Taylor Machine Works, Wrights Cabinet Makers, Liberty Transportation and The Winston County Correctional Facility.

Training will also be available for the employees of any new industry that chooses to locate in Winston County - a real benefit to new industries who come here.

East Central offers a quality program in the arts. Their 150-member marching band has been judged one of the best in the state. Also, keyboard, vocal and choral opportunities are great, along with drama and a wide choice of art classes.

In addition, students enrolled in health-related programs have experienced success. For four straight years, graduates of the College's LPN program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on first write on the state board examination, and recent graduates of the College's ADN Program have experienced the same success.

And, the College's surgical technology program has recently been awarded initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAEP). The surgical technology program had previously received accreditation on the state level.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in all areas of sports. The College fields teams in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, tennis, golf, and rodeo. In addition, the College has an extensive intramural athletic program.

The retention rate for students attending ECCC is very high because of the personal attention received by students. The faculty and staff have a caring spirit, and they are focused on the individual needs of students and on creating an environ-

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Winston's economy

ment that promotes personal growth and learning. Because of the quality training received at ECCC, students transferring to senior colleges perform as well or better then those attending senior college all four years.

The East Central Community College Foundation has been very active for the last several years. This group of private citizens has led the effort to secure private support for several programs at the College. Since the Foundation was re-chartered they have secured over $1,250.000 of needed extra money.

In the fall of 2001, the College will be the first site in Mississippi to host and display a traveling Smithsonian exhibit of WWII posters. This exhibit is funded by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council and will be the foundation of a larger exhibit of WWII memorabilia.

As citizens of Winston County we are blessed in many ways. We have excellent churches and schools, good industries and businesses. Local governments and community leaders are working together to continuously improve our community life and attract new industries. The new arts center is making fast progress and will impact our community in a very positive way. We have excellent doctors and medical services available.

As we work together toward a better future, let us not forget that our own East Central Community College is very much a part of us and will be actively assisting in achieving future progress. Any help that we can give the College will assist them in providing additional service to Winston County.

WEEK OF 2-7-00

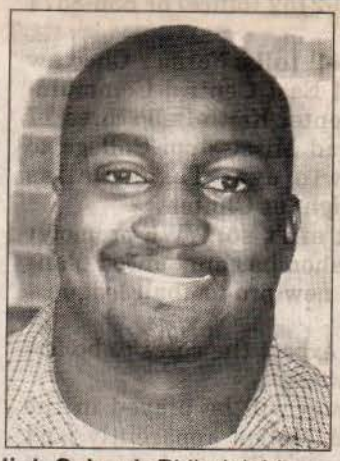
Stanley Williams

High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Defensive tackle
Postseason honors: Honorable mention Division 2-4A
1999 Stats: 56 tackles
Parent: Phyllis Williams

Chad Crowe

High School: Leake Academy
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Offensive lineman, long snapper
Postseason honors: All-Conference 3-AAA two years, MPSA All-Star Game, second team MPSA All-State
Parents: Jerry and Peggy Crowe

David Lee Griffin



High School: Philadelphia
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Fullback/linebacker
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A four years, Offensive MVP, All-State as a senior, Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game, Horatio Alger Scholarship, 3.2 GPA
1999 Stats: 128 carries for 938 yards, 68 points, 47 tackles
Parent: Barbara Davis

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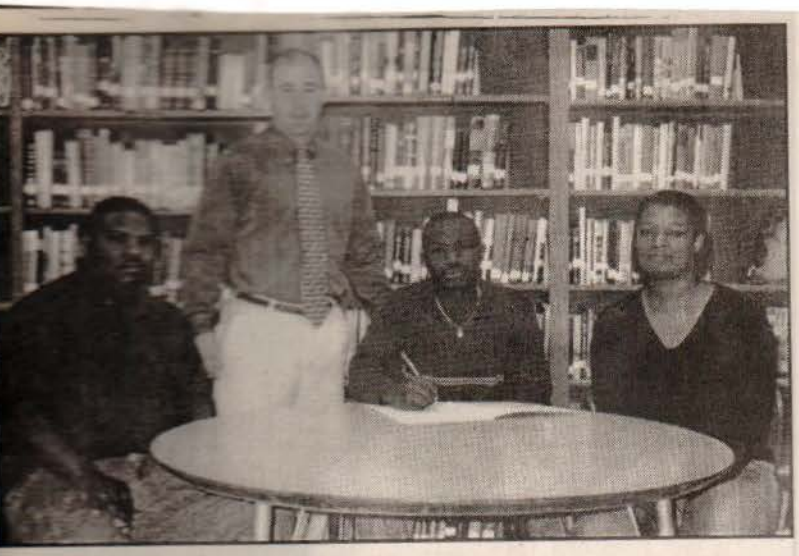
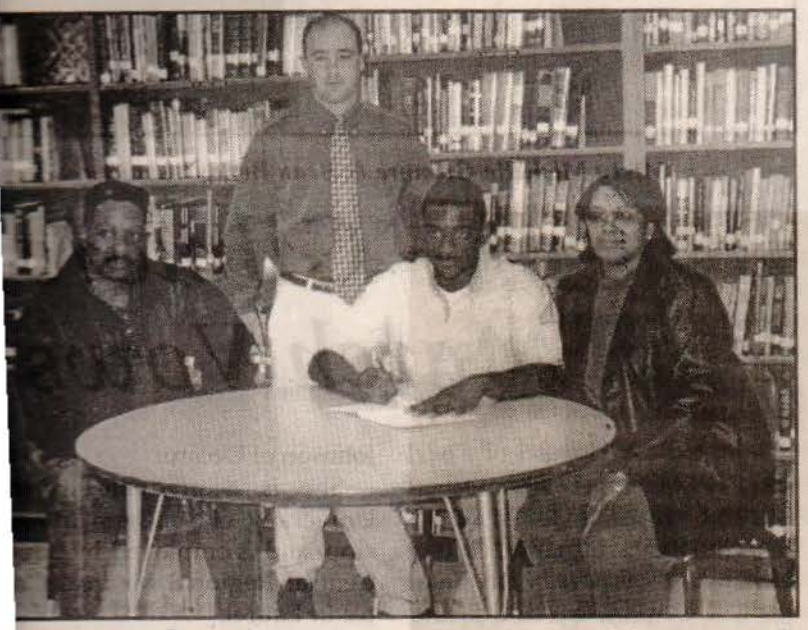


EWTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE, Ladarian Johnson, recently signed to play football at West Alabama. Johnson is shown during signing ceremonies with his parents, Shelia Johnson and Walter Blaylock and NHS head football coach. Brad Peterson.

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE - Teon Wilson recently signed to play football at East Central Community College. Wilson is shown during signing ceremonies with his mother, Annie Lois Wilson and NHS head football coach, Brad Peterson.



DERRIAN MOORE, Newton High School Athlete, recently signed to play football at East Central Community College. Moore is shown during signing ceremonies with his parents, Robert Moore and Margaret Moore, and Newton High School head football coach, Brad Peterson.

STANDOUT ATHLETE, Josh Thoms, recently signed to play baseball and football at East Central Community College. Shown with his parents, Richard and Ellen Thoms, seated on either side of Josh, are his coaches standing from left - Newton High School head baseball coach Chris Clark and head football coach Brad Peterson.

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Griffin picked for all-star football game;

Sports with *Marty Stamper*

Philadelphia's David Griffin has been chosen to play in the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Football Game this summer at Madison Central High School.

In his four years with the Tornadoes, Griffin had 472 carries for 3,885 yards.

Griffin inked with East Central Community College last week.

Tornadoes head coach Steve Cheatham will also be coaching in the game.

• **EC to play Meridian:** Word out of Decatur is that the East Central Community College athletic teams will be allowed to play Meridian Community College in all sports next school year.

Outgoing EC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith has banned the EC coaches from playing MCC in anything other than postseason games since MCC left the MACJC.

MCC is expected to rejoin the association is the near future.

• **Soccer teams fall in first round:** Both the Neshoba Central and Philadelphia soccer teams were eliminated in the first round of the state playoffs Saturday.

Neshoba lost 8-0 at Florence to finish with a 5-5 record in its first season of competition.

Philadelphia lost 2-1 in Columbus to the Mississippi School for Math and Science to close out a 14-3 season.

• **Super Tornado Saturday:** Philadelphia High School's second-annual Super Tornado Saturday is set for this Saturday with a team hit-a-thon slated for 9 a.m. and the alumni game for 10.

If you wish to play in the alumni game, contact Tornadoes baseball coach Scott Hill at 656-2099 (athletic office) or 656-3266 (home) or Dan

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Mars at 656-2152 (office) or 656-8574 (home).

• **The Bell tolls:** Former Choctaw Central and East Central Community College center Keith Bell scored 17 points to lead Mississippi College to an 82-67 win over Texas-Dallas Thursday night at Clinton.

• **Say it ain't so:** WWF promoter Vince McMahon has announced plans to launch a new pro football league – the XFL.

You can expect the rules to be few and far between.

The season will be played in the spring as McMahon apparently isn't too keen on the figure skating that generally airs at this time of year.

And, by the way, is it true that

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EC bound

East Central Community College signed five football players from Newton County High School to national letters-of-intent last Wednesday. Seated from left are quarterback Corey Amis, running back/linebacker Cedric Cotton, defensive back/wide receiver Josh Chaney, (standing) defensive end Keith Curry, defensive end/tight end Jon Gusman, and Newton County head football coach Jeff Breland.

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ECCC announces signees

East Central Community College has announced the signing of 28 football players and three baseball players for the 2000-2001 school year.

Football signees include quarterback Corey Amis (6-0, 175), wide receiver/defensive back Josh Chaney (5-9, 170), running back/linebacker Cedric Cotton (6-0, 205), defensive end Keith Curry (6-3, 210), and tight end/defensive end Jon Gusman (6-3, 210), all of Newton County High School.

Amis completed 71 of 128 passes for 1,143 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1999 as the Cougars went 11-1. He also rushed 59 times for 371 yards and two touchdowns.

Cotton rushed for 1,173 yards on 122 carries and scored 17 touchdowns. He caught seven passes for 154 yards and two touchdowns. As a linebacker, Cotton had 55 tackles and two interceptions.

Chaney had 18 receptions for 298 yards and four touchdowns. He also had 83 tackles and two interceptions.

Curry, who played in only five games, had 42 tackles and two quarterback sacks.

Gusman had 54 tackles and four sacks.

Other signees are fullback/linebacker David Griffin (5-11, 220) of Philadelphia; running back/defensive back Marco Cole (5-11, 170), defensive lineman Marlos Cole (6-3, 245), tight end/defensive end Brian Lillis (6-3, 215), defensive lineman Shawun Monroe (6-0, 285), and defensive lineman Stanley Williams (6-1, 265), all of Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Chad Crowe (6-5, 260) of Leake Academy;

kicker/punter Josh Thoms (5-10, 170), defensive lineman Derrian Moore (6-2, 230), and linebacker Teon Wilson (6-1, 200), all of Newton;

quarterback/punter Lewis Bradford (6-0, 185), fullback/linebacker Howard Jackson (5-11, 190), and offensive/defensive lineman John Riser (6-2, 280), all of Scott Central;

running back/defensive back Marcus Lee (5-7, 180), wide receiver/punter Matt Smith (6-0, 170), and defensive lineman Reginald White (6-1, 250), all of Forest;

wide receiver Dee Hornesberger (5-10, 160) of Noxapater; linebacker Ken Love (5-11, 185) of Louisville;

wide receiver/defensive back Jarvis Lymon (6-0, 180) of Foley (Ala.); defensive lineman Loranden Bates (6-2, 280) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; offensive lineman Fredrick Waller (6-2, 300) of Tuscaloosa County; running back Ramon Williams (6-0, 220) of Brookwood (Ala.); and defensive lineman Ismail Middleton (5-11, 280) of Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N.C.

In addition to the football signees, EC baseball coach Jamie Clark has announced the addition of three baseball players for the 2001 season.

Chaney and Thoms both inked with the Diamond Warriors as well as the football squad.

Chaney is a middle infielder. He batted .408 with eight home runs as a junior as Newton County finished second in the state in Class 3A.

Thoms is a shortstop. He was All-Division 7-2A in 1999.

The other signee is catcher Mark Turnipseed (5-11, 185) from Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa. He batted .481 last year with seven home runs.

"All three of these guys are big pickups for us," Clark said. "They should come in and be able to contribute right off the bat. These are the type of players needed to keep our program moving to the next level."

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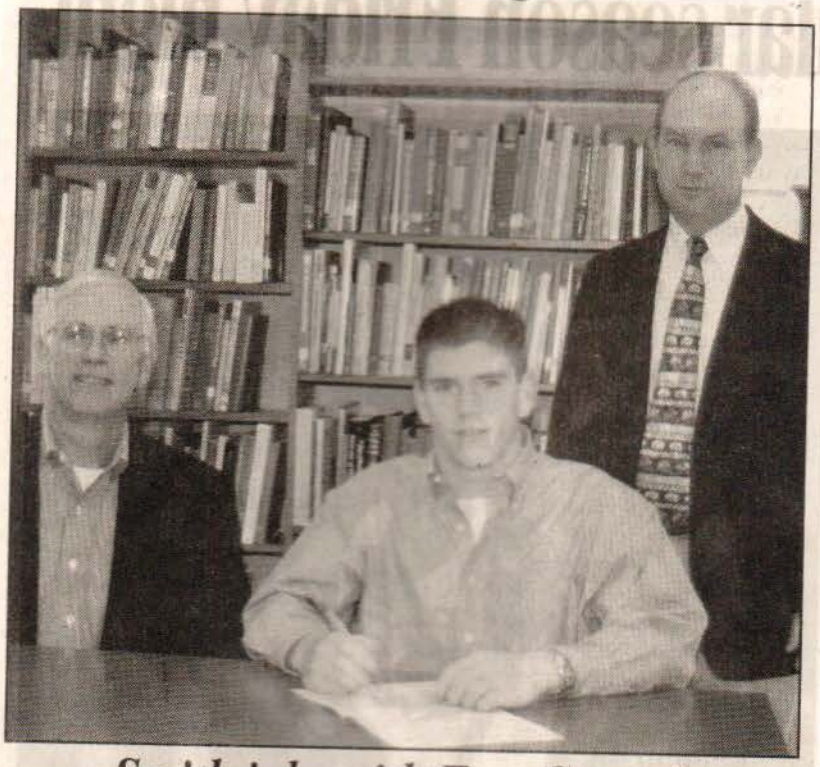

Smith inks with East Central

Forest Bearcat quarterback Matt Smith has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. Joining Smith (seated, right) on the national signing day last Wednesday are Tommy Smith (seated, left) and Forest Bearcat football head coach, Jack French.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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White will become a Warrior

Forest Bearcat Reginal White has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the east Central Community College Warriors. Joining White (seated, right) at the national singing day last Wednesday are seated (left) Dailene Keeton and (standing) Forest Bearcat football head coach, Jack French.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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Riser settles on East Central

John Carl Riser(seated) of Scott Central has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. Riser is joined at the signing ceremony by (from left) Donna and Pete Riser and Scott Central Head Coach Mickey Bounds.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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Bradford to play for East Central

Scott Central quarterback Lewis Bradford reviewed this offers and chose to sign a national letter of intent to play football at East Central Community College. Bradford(seated) is pictured on signing day with (from left) Patsy Bradford, Larry Bradford, Coach Mickey Bounds and Scott central principal, Dr. Leroy Callahan.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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Jackson signs letter with East Central

Scott Central standout Howard Jackson has signed a National Letter of Intend to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. Joining Jackson is Scott Central Head Football Coach Mickey Bounds.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

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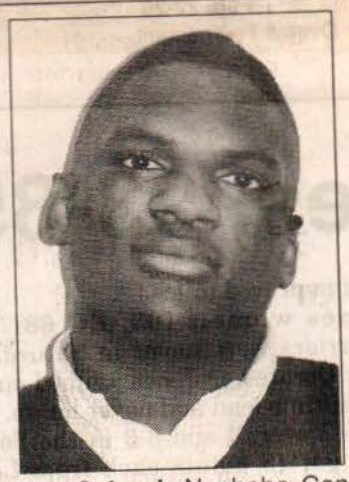
Shawun Monroe

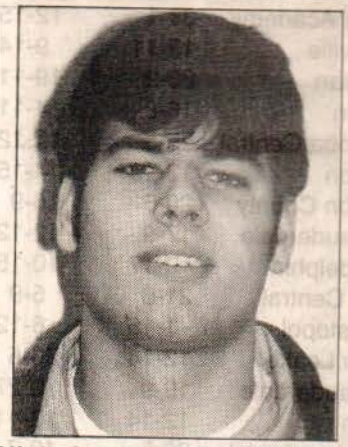
High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Defensive tackle
Postseason honors: All-Division 2-4A
1999 Stats: 76 tackles
Parents: Dwayne and Flora Peebles

Marlos Cole



High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Defensive end
Postseason honors: All-Division 2-4A, All-State
1999 Stats: 66 tackles
Parents: Dorothy Nichols

Brian Lillis



High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Linebacker
Postseason honors: All-Division 2-4A
1999 Stats: 52 tackles
Parents: Keith and Marsha Lillis

Marco Cole

High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Running back/defensive back
Postseason honors: Division 2-4A MVP
1999 Stats: 236 rushes for 1,409 yards, 114 points, 51 tackles, 3 interceptions
Parent: Dorothy Nichols

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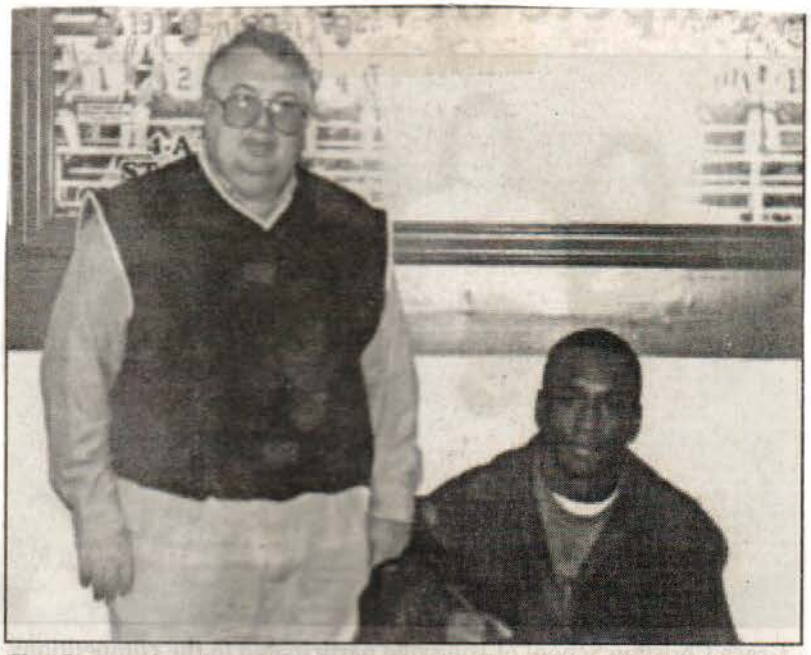

Ken Love, who played linebacker for the Louisville Wildcats football team, signs on to play with East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is LHS football coach Tony Stanford.

ECCC football honorees

Recipients of team honors presented at the East Central Community College football awards banquet included Samuel Agee, permanent team captain award , and Josh Jones, most valuable offensive lineman, both of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Steve Henley of Louisville, most valuable offensive back; and Freeman Jimison of Meridian, Kemba Bryant most valuable defensive back award; and David Daniel of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.), most valuable defensive lineman; James Keyes of Collins, permanent team captain award ; Chris Weems of Newton, academic award; and Micahel Beal of South Leake and Kyle Watson of Neshoba Central, 'Warrior' awards.

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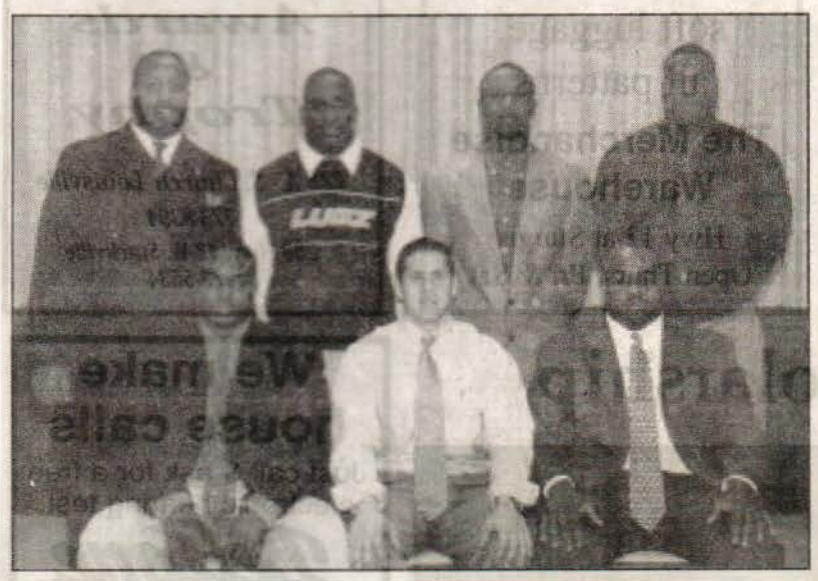
ECCC presents football awards



These East Central Community College Warrior football team members recently participated in the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Classic held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Pictured are (seated, from left) Samuel Agee of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, Ti Garner of Brandon and Josh Jones of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; and (standing, from left) David Daniel of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, Steve Henley of Louisville, Chris Ray of Seminole County (Ga.) and Jamie Nichols of Philadelphia. Jones was named the All-Star game's most valuable offensive player. The game ended in a 14-14 tie.

Recipients of team honors presented at the East Central Community College football awards banquet included (seated, from left) Samuel Agee, permanent team captain award (offense), and Josh Jones, most valuable offensive lineman, both of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Steve Henley of Louisville, most valuable offensive back; and Freeman Jimison of Meridian, Kemba Bryant most valuable defensive back award; and (standing, from left) David Daniel of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.), most valuable defensive lineman; James Keyes of Collins, permanent team captain award (defense); Chris Weems of Newton, academic award; and Micahel Beal of South Leake and Kyle Watson of Neshoba Central, 'Warrior' awards.

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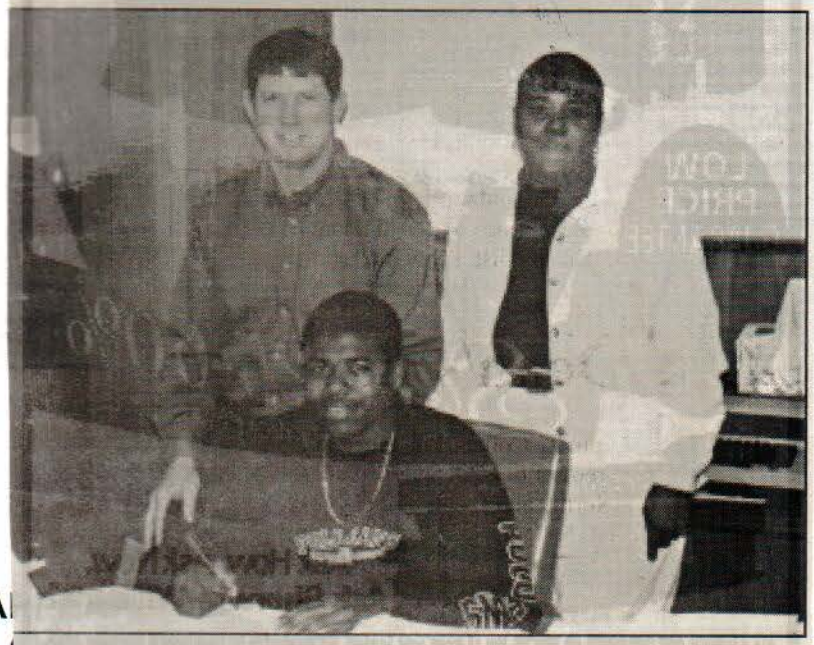
Area athletes sign for scholarships

WEEK OF 2-21-01

Robert Finch, who played guard for the Louisville Wildcats football team, is shown signing to play ball with East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is LHS football coach Tony Stanford and Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finch.



Dee Hornesbuger, who played on the Noxapater Tiger football team, is shown signing to play ball with East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is Noxapater football coach Jim Ray and Dee's mother, Janita Hornesbuger.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

Spring scrimmage set for ECCC football

East Central Community College will conclude four weeks of spring football workouts by hosting Coahoma Community College at 2 p.m. Friday, February 24 in Warrior Stadium. The public is invited to attend the scrimmage and there is no charge for admission.

Terry Underwood, who is completing his second year at the Warrior helm, said has been "well pleased" with his team's progress.

"We have about 40 guys out for spring training and everyone's has had a great attitude. There are a lot of new people on the roster so we've mainly been teaching our basic offense and defense. We have also spent time working on fundamentals. Overall, I think we are where we need to be at this time, but we still have a ways to go before the season begins next fall," Underwood said.

East Central completed the 1999 regular season action by posting an 8-2 mark. The Warriors qualified for the state playoffs where they were defeated in first-round competition by the eventual state champion Northwest Rangers.

Players receive All-State, All-Region honors

Recipients of All-State and All-Region honors presented at the East Central Community College football awards banquet included Samuel Agee of Tuscaloosa Central, Ti Garner of Brandon and Chris Ray of Seminole County, Ga., second team All-State; and Freeman Jimison of Meridian, first team All-State and All-Region; and David Daniel of Tuscaloosa County, first team All-State and All-Region; Christ Weems of Newton, first team All-State; and Steve Henley of Louisville and Josh Jones of Tuscaloosa Central, first team All-State and All-Region. Daniel was also named to the honorable mention All-American team and was selected most valuable defensive lineman in the South Division. Jones was named the South's most valuable offensive lineman and was selected the most valuable offensive player in the annual MACJC All-Star game.

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

Henley signs with Kentucky State

Standout East Central Community College running back Steve Henley of Louisville has signed a national letter of intent with Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Henley, shown with Warrior head football coach Terry Underwood, rushed for 1073 yards on 143 carries and scored seven touchdowns last season. He was named first team All-Region and All-State, and participated in the annual All Star Classic. The Warriors completed season action by posting an 8-3 record.

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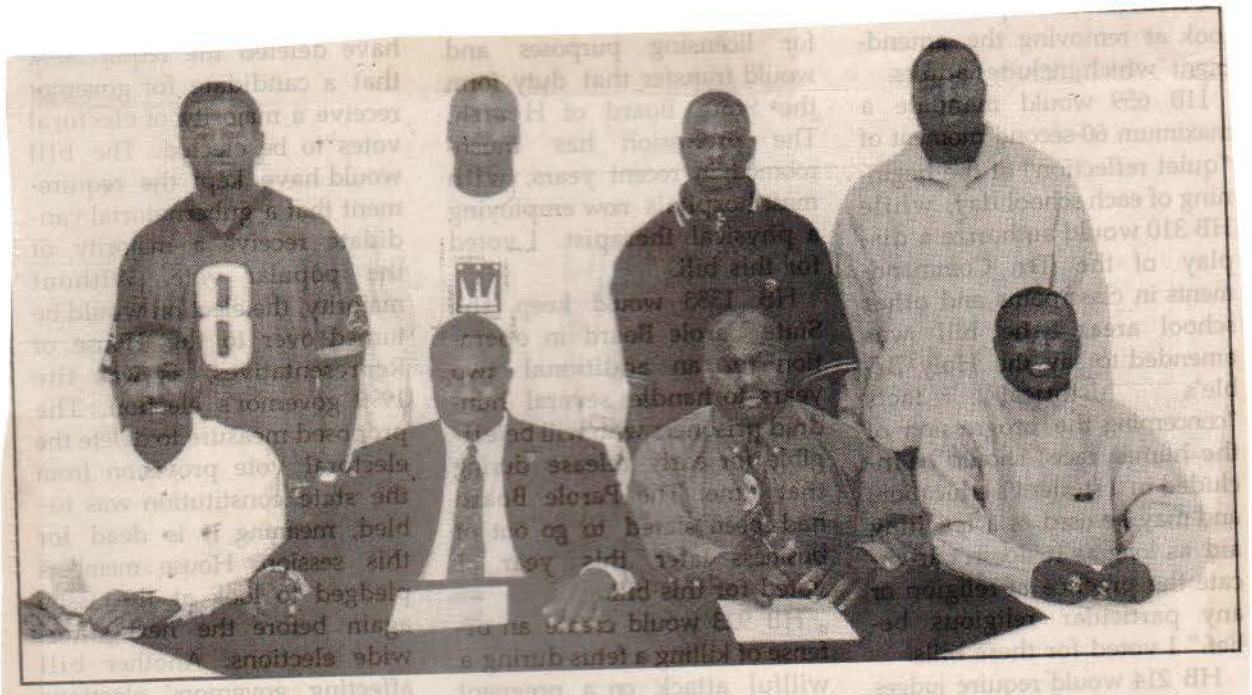

RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS - These East Central Community College football standouts have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at various universities and four-year colleges. Seated from left are Shondren Lewis of Quitman, who signed with Mississippi College; Samuel Agee of Tuscaloosa, Ala., University of North Alabama; Josh Jones of Tuscaloosa, Georgia Southern University; and Chris Ray of Donaldsville, Georgia, Marshall University; and (standing, from left) Jamarcus Murray of Tuscaloosa, University of West Alabama; Lacey McBeath of Neshoba Central, Mississippi College; Freeman Jimison of Meridian, West Georgia University; and Jamie Nichols of Philadelphia, Louisiana Tech University. Not pictured are Ti Garner of Brandon, Belhaven College; James Keys of Collins, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; and Jeremy Smith of Newton County Academy, Nicholas State University. Steve Henley is also expected to sign but is undecided on his college choice. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

ECCC inks gridiron star from North Carolina

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Antowain Smith, James Johnson, Derick Spellers.

While Spellers' name may not deserve to be mentioned along with the first two just yet, East Central Community College Coach Terry Underwood hopes that if four years, all three of those names will synonymous with football players who bounced back from personal hardship to become stars.

Smith and Johnson, both who played their junior college football at East Mississippi Community College, went on to star for four-year colleges and now earn hefty paychecks in the National Football League.

"He's legit," Underwood said. "He's a good player. I think he will be one of the better players in this league over the next two years if he can stay healthy and get better."

Spellers, who is 22-years-old, signed the scholarship while making his official visit on Tuesday.

He will see time at both running back and wide receiver and will also get a chance to return kicks for the Warriors.

Underwood admits that Spellers sort of fell into his lap, but says it's not unusual for that to happen in the junior college circuit.

"We deal with a lot of academic casualty-type students and that is what Derick was coming out of high school," Underwood said.

"I didn't know much about him. We have a contact in that area and one of the coaches contacted and told me about Derick and we followed it up and we are here today having a signing."

Spellers, a 6-foot-1, 190-pounder, didn't make his grades out of high school despite being one of the highest recruited running backs in the state of North Carolina.

Spellers

He played at 71st High School in Fayetteville, and was sought after by several Atlantic Coast Conference schools.

But by Spellers' own admission, he didn't pay attention to his grades and blew his opportunity. Since that time he has earned his GED.

"It was a lack of attention and discipline and I was thinking football was going to take me all the way, when it's not like that anymore," he said. "They look at your transcript and I learned that the hard way.

"I plan on being a good student athlete around here to show people I can be good in school, too, as well as on the football field."

He rushed for 960 yards as a junior and scored 19 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,769 yards and and scoring 21 touchdowns as a senior in high school.

It was one of the high school coaches in his hometown that told him about East Central Community College

Spellers said the layoff of four years doesn't worry him.

"I feel like my gifts are God-given," he said. "I feel like I can go anywhere and earn my respect. I'm really looking forward to it."

He admits that he wants to carry his game to the highest level possibly, but said he was surprised about how many good athletes play in the Mississippi junior college league and the go on to play NCAA Division I football.

"I was shocked at how many people come here and I want to be one of those that come through and do good," he said. "I feel like this is my golden opportunity and I don't want to mess it up."

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WEEK OF 5-7-2000

Football jamboree at EC on May 16;

Newton County High School and East Central Community College will co-host a football jamboree on Tuesday, May 16, starting at 4 p.m.

Two scrimmages will take place at the same time. At 4 p.m., Newton County and Philadelphia will square off on the South end, while Bay Springs and Choctaw Central tangle on North end. Each team will have the ball for 10 plays with its first offense and then 10 with its first offense. Then 10 plays with the second offense and 10 with the second defense. Then 10 plays with the first offense and 10 with the first defense.

At 4:50, Noxapater plays Lake and Newton County plays Bay Springs. At 5:40, Philadelphia plays Lake and Choctaw Central plays Noxapater.

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At 6:30, Philadelphia plays Bay Springs and Noxapater plays Newton County. Choctaw Central and Lake close out the activities at 7:20.

• **Leake five earns post-season honors:** Leake Academy first baseman/pitcher Chad Crowe and catcher Wade Pope have been named to the Academy 3-AAA all-district team.

Nathan Busby, Dustin White, and Joshua Chamblee were honorable mention selections.

• **C-USA fast-pitch tourney USM:** Folks interested in seeing what level you need to be at to play fast-pitch softball in college might want to head to Hattiesburg as the University of Southern Mississippi will host the Conference USA Tournament, Thursday-Saturday, at Oak Grove Optimist Park.

Five games are set for Thursday. DePaul and UNC-Charlotte open the tournament at 10 a.m. South Florida and Saint Louis square off at noon. Alabama-Birmingham faces Louisville at 2 p.m. A winners' bracket game is set for 4 with top-seeded and regular season champion USM, 54-10, to take on the UAB-Louisville winner at 6.

Both USM and DePaul were in the

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fast-pitch tourney at USM

1999 Women's College World Series.

USM pitcher Courtney Blades became the NCAA Division I career strikeout leader in Saturday's sweep of South Florida as she finished the day with 1,643 whiffs.

• **EC softball tryouts today:** East Central Community College will host tryouts for the 2001 fast-pitch softball team today (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. at Lady Warrior Field, EC coach Mike Anderson announced.

For more information, contact Anderson at 601-635-2111, ext. 301 or 310.

• **State Games baseball tryouts:** The State Games will have its baseball tryouts on June 17 at various sites.

Athletes must currently be sophomores or juniors to try out.

Players from District 4 – Philadelphia, Neshoba Central, Choctaw Central, and Leake Academy – will try out at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba at 10 a.m. District 4 is the defending gold medal winner.

District 4 coaches will be Lee Berryhill of Eupora and Gregg Perry of Winona.

District 5 – Union – will try out at Jones Junior College in Ellisville that same day also at 10 a.m.

District 5 coaches will be Luke Leggett of Laurel and Wade Clark of West Jones.

The eight-team tournament will be June 21-25 at Meridian Community College.

For more information, contact State Games baseball commissioner Kent Farris at 662-329-2862.

Week of June 5, 2000

Thoms rolls in at No. 4

By Rocky Higginbotham

The Meridian Star

NEWTON — With two brothers who were both baseball stars preceding you, one might have a tendency to let expectations get the best of you.

But if there were ever any added expectations for Newton High School's Josh Thoms, he exceeded them. And that's one reason Thoms has been chosen as The Meridian Star's No. 4 Male Athlete of the Year.

A four-sport standout for the Tigers, Thoms followed in the footsteps of older brothers Hank and Lake, who made names for themselves in baseball careers at Mississippi State and Meridian Community College.

Little brother Josh, however, had quite a stellar career on the diamond for the Tigers, as well. And he also made a name for himself on the football field and basketball court — and was one of the top golfers for the NHS team this past spring.

"Josh Thoms was a great player regardless of what sport he was playing," baseball coach Chris Clark said. "I know he's

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MR. EVERYTHING — Baseball, golf, football or basketball, it didn't matter to Newton High's Josh Thoms, he proved he could play them all. Thoms is the No. 4 Male Athlete of the Year.

WEEK OF June 5, 2000

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going to be missed a ton around here."

Thoms started all three years that Clark coached the Tigers, and was already in the Newton baseball program when Clark arrived more than three years ago.

He hit .440 as a senior and maintained an average of better than .390 during the past three seasons — despite carrying a last name which was well-known by opponents.

"I think he probably had good blood in him for sure," Clark said of Thoms. "But I don't think there was any added pressure on him to perform.

"I've been around them a lot ... but I didn't see Hank and Lake play, so I can't compare them to Josh," Clark said. "But Josh always did an excellent job for me. He played above and beyond my expectations.

"If he was under pressure, he sure didn't show it. He went out and played his game every night, regardless of what sport."

Thoms succeeding on the baseball field was no real surprise. But what he was able to accomplish in some of the other sports for the Tigers did open some eyes.

This past season, Thoms played both guard positions for first-year coach Ken McMullan's Tigers, and was one of the reasons Newton made a run to the playoffs.

"He loved showing people that he was the real deal," Clark said of Thoms, a slasher who was also deadly from three-point range. "I think he was a real catalyst for our basketball team."

As for football, although Thoms was never supposed to make a difference on the gridiron.

Thoms had hip trouble and wore braces as a youngster. "He wasn't supposed to play football," Clark said.

But as a ninth-grader, Clark says the itch to play — and maybe peer pressure — got to Thoms.

"He went to the coach and asked if he could just kick," Clark said. "That's all he was ever supposed to do."

He did, and Thoms became one of the best kickers in the area, if not the state. He also started hanging around with receivers and return men in pre-game workouts.

"Before we played Bay Springs this year, Josh told coach (Brad) Peterson that if he needed him to catch a pass that he could do it," Clark remembered. "The next night, we got down close and coach Peterson started screaming for Thoms.

"He goes out there and catches a touchdown pass and a two-point conversion, and he did that just about every game after that," Clark said. "He made some unbelievable catches the rest of the year."

Thoms is headed to East Central Community College in Decatur, where he'll play baseball. He pitched and played shortstop during his senior season, and will likely be an infielder for the Warriors.

He's also signed to play football with ECCC — as a kicker.

"I think he's just gonna kick there," Clark said. "At least that's what he's supposed to do.

"With Josh, you just never know. He's a great, great athlete."

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WEEK OF June 26, 2010

AREA FOOTBALL STANDOUTS ATTEND ORIENTATION - East Central Community College football signees Keith Curry, left, of Newton County and Marco Cole of Neshoba Central were among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at EastCentral Community College. The new Warrior team members are shown planning their fall semester class schedules with the assistance of head football coach Terry Underwood. In addition they learned of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the campus.

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WEEK OF Aug. 2, 2000

These members of the East Central Community College football team earned the status of "Iron Warriors" after successfully meeting various strength and conditioning goals during off-season workouts. Front row from left, Edwit Epting, Levi Duncan, D'Angelo Lewis, Patrick Prince, Mon Houston, Dwight Agee, (second row) Quentin Bowens, John Bibb, Mitchell McKinnon, Dexter Cole, Tommy Ford, Corey Pickens, Chad Warren, Kendrin Hall, Jermaine Crosby, Rashad Blaylock, Keaton Donald, (third row) Chris Hooper, Ben Barham, Curt Blackburn, Clint Burkes, Fredrick Knighton, Terrance Wansley, Anthony Thompson, and Marcus Brown. EC opens its 2000 football season at East Mississippi on Aug. 31.

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WEEK OF Aug. 21, 2000

East Central looking for respect

Evan Smith

The Meridian Star

Despite losing 18 starters off a team that went 8-3 last year, East Central Community College head coach Terry Underwood likes his team's chances for the upcoming season.

"We feel good about our team," Underwood said Thursday at the school's annual Media Day. "We lost some folks but we're optimistic about the group of kids we've got. We've got 19 sophomores and 36 freshmen. They reported in good shape and they're responding to everything we're throwing at them."

According to Underwood, the Warriors should be solid at the skill positions on both sides of the ball. But when it comes to the linemen — both offensively and defensively — there are some question marks.

"We lost four out of five starters in our offensive line and we lost our whole starting four on the defensive line," Underwood said. "We've got some people there who we feel good about and who are doing a good job and getting better, but they're not truly tested yet. And until we get out and go to war and see how they're going to respond, that's going to be somewhat of a question to us."

The Warriors led the league in rushing last season and Underwood says establishing a strong ground attack will be his top offensive priority again this year.

"Obviously, our main objective is going to be to run the ball," Underwood said.

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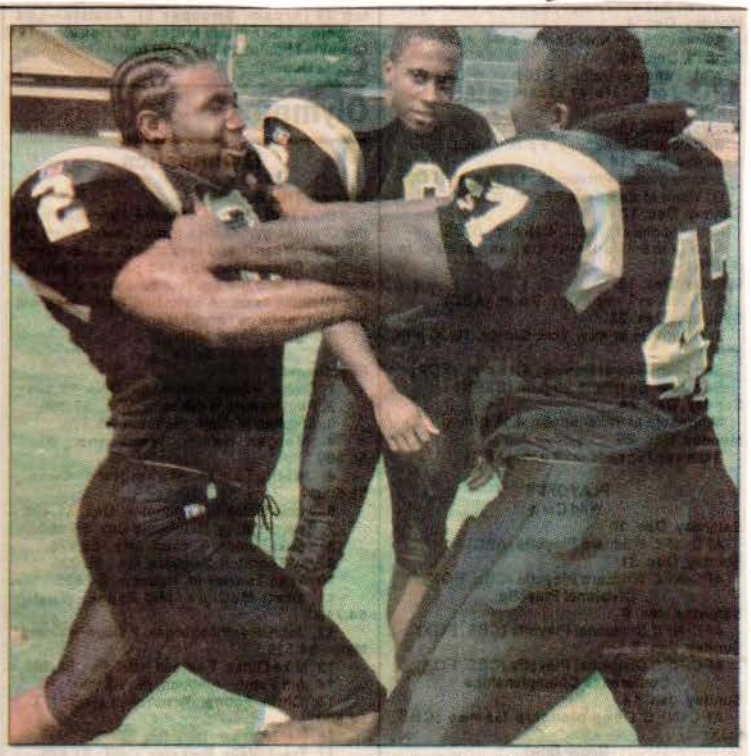

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HORSING AROUND — East Central Community College sophomore Rashad Blalock horses around with a much bigger Terrance DeGraffenried during the Warriors annual Media Day.

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"We feel like we can throw and catch it better than we have in prior years and we're going to attempt to. But if we can run the ball, everything else will come off of that."

As they prepare for the 2000 campaign, Underwood and his coaching staff are primarily focusing on using the first three games to set the tone for the rest of the season.

"We break the season into thirds," Underwood said. "We're looking at the first three games. And if we can be on the plus side after the first three games... we feel like we'll have a chance to have a really good year.

"That's not to say that if we were 1-2 or 0-3 that we still couldn't have a good year, but in this level and this league you need to get off to a good start in my opinion."

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WEEK OF Aug. 28, 2000

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IN HOT PURSUIT – Old rivals East Central and East Mississippi will play for the 61st time Thursday night at EMCC's Sullivan-Windham Memorial Stadium.

Old rivals ready for battle

By Rocky Higginbotham

The Meridian Star

Neither Tom Goode nor Terry Underwood are worried about having to get their players motivated between now and Thursday night.

They already are.

Goode's East Mississippi Lions and Underwood's East Central Warriors kick off their 2000 junior college football seasons Thursday at 7 p.m. at EMCC's Sullivan-Windham Memorial Stadium when the two neighbors renew one of the state's oldest rivalries.

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"One of the games you never have to worry about getting players up for is the first game," Underwood said. "By the time that first game rolls around, they're always tired of beating up on each other.

"But being that (the opponent) is East Mississippi just magnifies it even more."

EMCC and ECCC aren't in the same

"We've been giving our players a little history of the game. But a lot of them don't need any history to get up for this one. It's always an intense rivalry and it's always heated"

— ECCC coach Terry Underwood

Underwood

ing between the pair.

"We've been giving our players a little history of the game," Underwood said. "But a lot of them don't need any history to get up for this one.

"It's always an intense rivalry and it's always heated," he said. "A lot of

lege state playoffs, one of the wins came at Scooba. That's when East Central scored 26 unanswered points and stomped the Lions 33-13 — pushing their lead in the all-time series to 30-26-4.

"I'm sure they're eager to get back at us," Underwood said.

Actually, EMCC is just eager to get back in the win column.

The Lions slipped to 4-6 a year ago after going 6-4 in 1998 and 8-2 and 1997.

Goode, in his ninth year, has a couple of preseason All-Americans returning on the offensive side of the football in Milford Brown and Marvin Nickson.

Brown is a mammoth lineman who will anchor the offensive line at center, while Nickson is a 245-pound tight end.

They'll be blocking for the likes of tailback Randy Bell and fullback Samuel Tisdale, Jr., a sophomore from Kemper County High School.

Goode said his bunch is without a doubt ready for its opener.

"These guys have been out here in this dang heat for too long," he chuckled. "They've been going at it pretty

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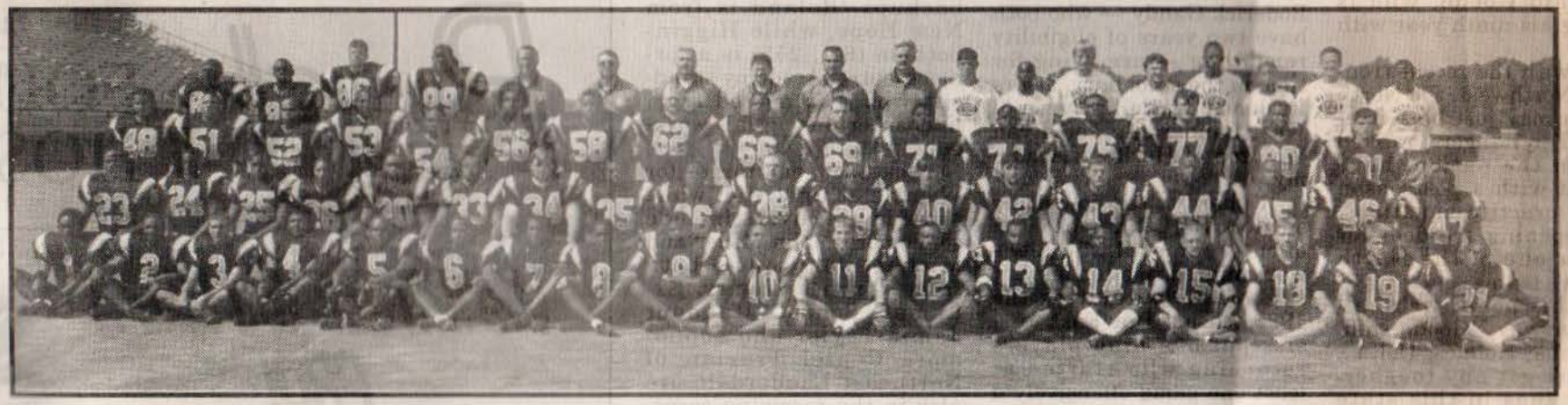


Members of the 2000 East Central Community College football team include (first row, from left) Dontay Spillman, Rashad Blalock, Brian Zbyenieski, Anthony Thompson, Quentin Bowens, Keaton Donald, Mitchell McKinnon, Dexter Cole, Chris Hooper, D'Angelo Lewis, Tommy Ford, Darrius Thames, John Bibb, Cedric Cotton, Corey Amis, Lewis Bradford, Josh Thoms, Terrance Wansley; (second row, from left) Derick Spellers, Marco Cole, Corey Pickens, Marcus Lee, Teon Wilson, Howard Jackson, Brett Hazelwood, Chad Warren, Patrick Prince, Nathan Johnson, Dwight Agee, Josh Chaney, Curt Blackburn, Clint Burkes, Levi Duncan, Kendrick Love, LaKendrick Houston, Terrance DeGraffenried; (third row, from left) Jon Gusman, Keith Curry, Courtney Steele, Randy Brown, Reggie Cistrunk, Kenneth Hurt, Jermaine Crosby, Randy Brunson, Jerry Spencer, John Carl Riser, Raphael Goodwin, Robert Finch, Cedric McAfee, Chad Crowe, Fredrick Knighten, Matt Smith; and (fourth row, from left) Dee Hornesbuger, Detrick Sanders, Brian Lillis, Lerandon Bates, coaches Terry Underwood (head), Steve Kelly, Todd Mangum, athletic trainer Joey McLeod, coaches Tommy Clopton, Timmy Coats, managers Ben Wilbanks, Damon Hudson, Joe Brock Faulkner, trainer Adam Wyatt, manager Terrance Anderson, trainer Kimberley Harris, managers Michael Thompson and Jareel Combest.

WEEK OF Aug. 28, 2000

ECCC hoping to improve on 8-3 mark

By Evan Smith

The Meridian Star

Last year, the Warriors of East Central Community College football team came within one game of playing for the MAJCC state championship. And head coach Terry Underwood is confident this year's squad can do even better.

"Last year we knocked on the door," Underwood said. "This year we plan to knock it down."

Underwood has good reason to be optimistic about his team's chances. The Warriors return 19 sophomores from the 1999 team which finished the regular season with a record of 8-2 before losing to eventual state champion Northwest Mississippi Community C llege in the first round of the state-playoffs.

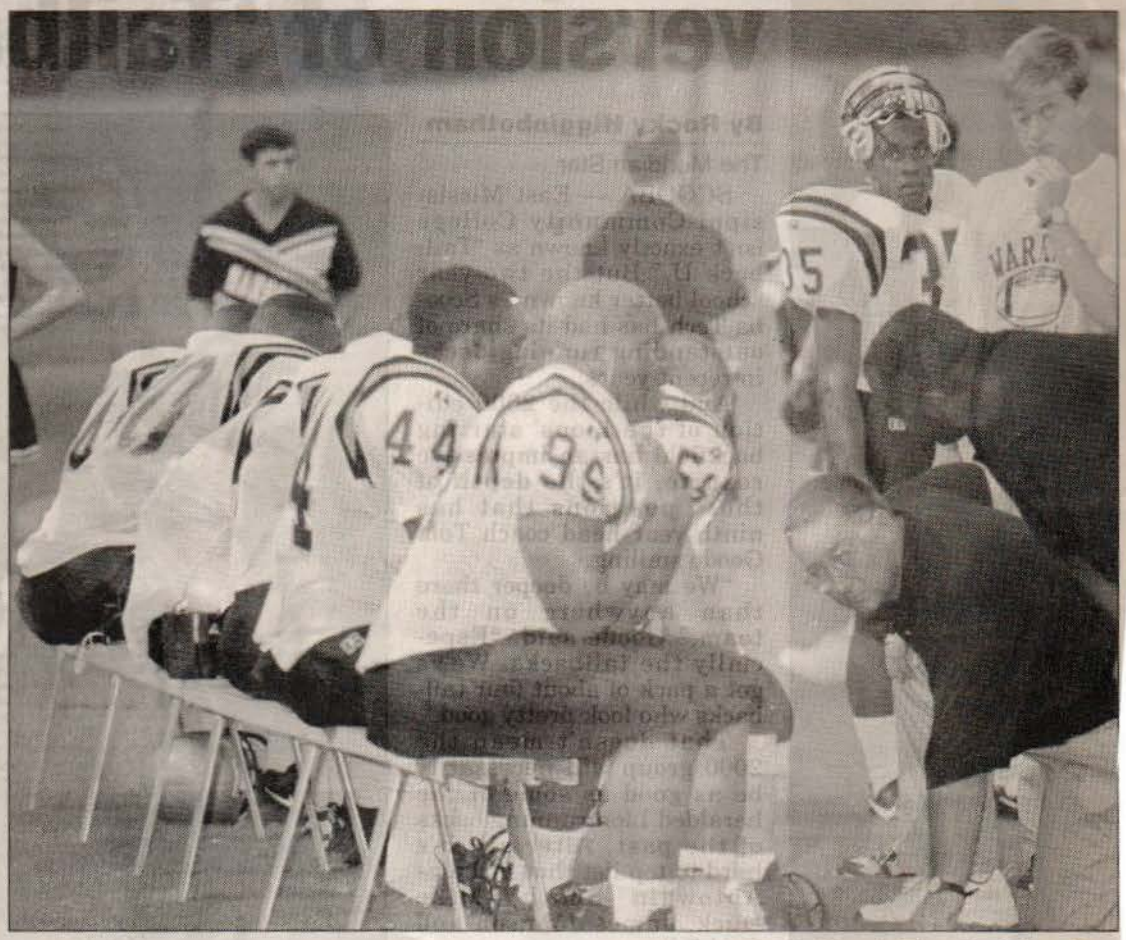
Northwest Mississippi had been the early favorite to win the state title again this year. But the Rangers have been placed on probation by the National Junior College Athletic Association and will not figure into this year's title hunt.

With Northwest out of the picture, the Warriors chances to win it all in 2000 have improved significantly. But according to Underwood, even had the Rangers not been placed on probation, East Mississippi would have been a serious contender.

According to Underwood, the Warriors should be strong at the skill positions on both sides of the ball this year.

Offensively, Mitchell McKinnon will be taking the reigns at quarterback. McKinnon (6-3, 195) is a sophomore from Palatka, Fla., from whom Underwood is expecting big things.

"He played a lot for us last year and handled all the snaps in the spring," Underwood said. "He's a seasoned player who we feel will allow us to attack in different ways with the running game and with the passing game. He's a very good athlete, which will allow us to put him on the move as well."



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GETTING IT RIGHT — East Central Coach Terry Underwood talks to his team during last year's contest with Northwest Community College.

Along with McKinnon, the backfield will include sophomore Terrance Wansley (6-0, 190) from Newton County High School, freshman Patrick Prince (5-10, 190) of Tuscaloosa, Ala. and freshman Derrick Spellers (6-2, 196) of Fayetteville, N.C., sharing time at tailback.

Defensively, Underwood says he feels "real good" about the linebacker corps, which includes LaKendrick Houston (6-0, 220) of Louisville and Anthony Thompson (6-1, 225) of Blakely, Ga. and John Bibb (5-11, 215) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"Our strength on defense will probably be our linebackers. Anthony was an All-State player last year as a freshman. I don't know if there are many any league better than him. (LaKendrick) Mon Houston started a lot for us last year and we think he's going to be a heck of a player," Underwood said.

He added the secondary "is also very solid and should do a good job."

If there is a question about the Warriors 2000 squad, it is how the offensive and defensive lines will respond after losing a combined eight of nine starters.

"We lost four out of five starters in our offensive line and we lost our whole starting four on the defensive line," Underwood said. "We've got some people there who we feel good about and who are doing a good job and getting better, but they're not truly tested yet. And until we get out and go to war and see how they're going to respond, that's going to be somewhat of a question to us."

As they prepare for the 2000 campaign, Underwood and his coaching staff are primarily focusing on using the first three games to set the tone for the rest of the season.

"We break the season into thirds. We're looking at the first three games. And if we can be on the plus side after the first three games... we feel like we'll have a chance to have a really good year."

to say that if we were 1-2 or 0-3 that we still couldn't have a good year, but in this level and this league you need to get off to a good start in my opinion."

Evan Smith is a sports writer for

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East Central reveals probable starters for East Miss. contest

It may not be the rivalry it once was - there's no one beating a tom-tom all week prior to kickoff - but emotions still run high when East Central and East Mississippi tangle.

East Central captured last year's battle by a comfortable 33-13 margin, and the Warriors own a slight edge in the series (30-26-4), which began in 1929.

Although the non-division battle does not hold the importance of a South Division game, Underwood said beating "Scooba" is important because it is the first game and because of its historic background.

"It would be big to defeat East Mississippi for several reasons: it's our season opener and we obviously want to begin on a winning note, and they're a very talented and well-coached team and we'll be able to judge how good a team we are by playing them," Underwood said.

Underwood said probable starters for this week's game include the following: Quarterback- Mitchell McKinnon (6-3, 195); Tailbacks- Terrance Wansley (6', 190), Patrick Prince (5-10, 190) or Derick Spellers (6-2, 196); H-Backs: Brett Hazelwood (6-1, 265) or Terrance DeGraffenried (5-10, 250); Tight End - Clint Burkes (6-3, 235); Strong Tackle - Jerry Spencer (6-3, 295); Strong Guard - Raphael Goodwin (6-1, 280) or Cedric McAfee (6-3, 327); Center - Reggie Cistrunk (5-11, 255) or Robert Finch (6-1, 260); Quick Guard - Finch or Randy Brunson (6-3, 280) of Sebastopol; Quick Tackle - Randy Brown (6-4, 300); Wide Receivers - Dontay Spillman (6-2, 193), Dee Hornesbuger (5-9, 160), Darrius Thames (6', 173) or Marcus Lee (5-10, 175) ; Kickers - Josh Thoms (5-11, 175) or Nathan Johnson (6-2, 250); and Punter - Matt Smith (6', 173).

Defensively, probable starters include the following: Defensive Ends - Jermaine Crosby (6-2, 250) of South Leake, Quentin Bowens (6-2, 265), Courtney Steele (6-1, 250) or Jon Gusman (6-4, 240); Noseguard - Lerandon Bates (6-1, 300) or Nathan Johnson (6-2, 250); Linebackers - Levi Duncan (6-3, 230), Anthony Thompson (6-1, 225), LaKendrick Houston (6', 220), Keith Curry (6-3, 210), John Bibb (5-11, 215), Kendrick Love (5-11, 190) or Howard Jackson (5-10, 205); Defensive Backs - D'Angleo Lewis (6-1, 185), Corey Pickens (5-11, 198), Dexter Cole (5-9, 155), Keaton Donald (5-11, 160), and Marco Cole (6', 170); Safeties - Chris Hooper (6-4, 225), Rashad Blalock (5-11, 205), Tommy Ford (6-2, 196) or Josh Chaney (5-10, 170).

Members of Underwood's staff include Tim Coats (offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and running backs), Steve Kelly (linebackers and special teams), Todd Mangum (offensive line), Fred Lyons (defensive line) and Tommy Clopton (wide receivers and tight ends).

Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage, with Mike Goodwin.

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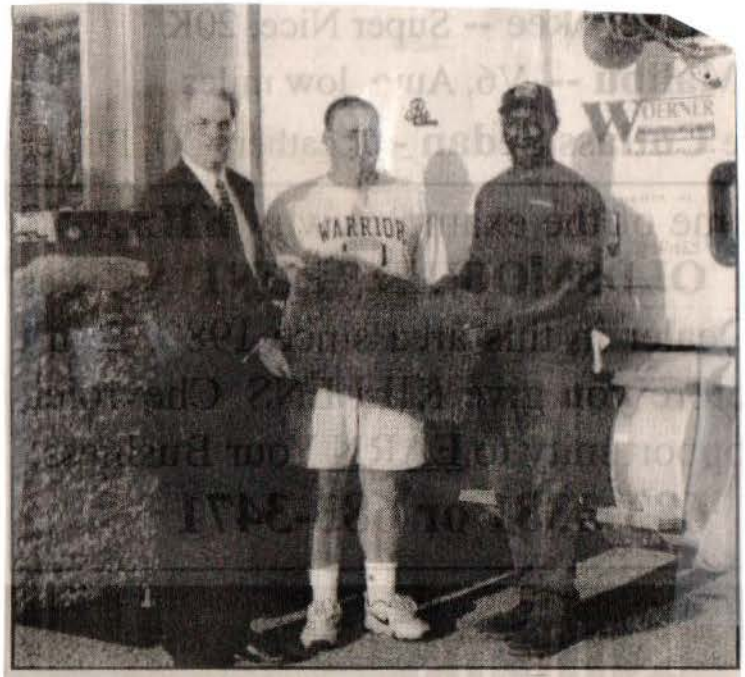
ECCC LINEBACKERS - On the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include, kneeling from left - Anthony Thompson of Early County High, Blakely, Ga.; John Bibb of Tuscaloosa Central, Ala., Teon Wilson of Newton and Howard Jackson of Scott Central. Standing from left are Curt Blackburn of Newton County Academy, and Kendrick Love and LaKendrick Houston, both of Louisville. At right is Steve Kelly, Warrior linebackers and special teams coach.

ECCC DEFENSIVE BACKS - Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign includes - kneeling , from left - Rashad Blalock of Union, Keaton Donald of Noxapater, Dexter Cole of Neshoba Central, Chris Hooper of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Ga.; D'Angelo Lewis of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N.C., and Tommy Ford of Hillcrest High, Tuscaloosa, Ala; standing from left - Cedrick Cotton of Newton County High, Marco Cole of Neshoba Central, Corey Pickens of Tuscaloosa Central High, Wright Agee of Collins, Josh Chaney of Newton County and Matt

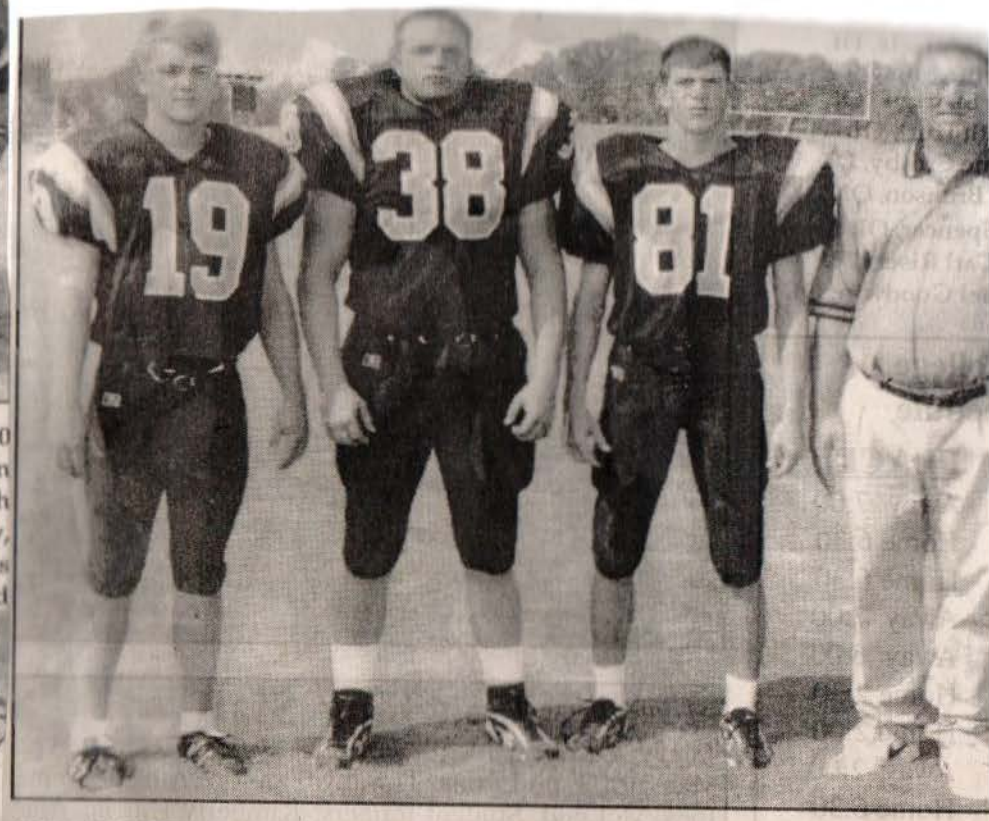


RECEIVE DONATION - East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) and ECCC head football coach Terry Underwood (center) recently accepted a truck load of sod grass donated to the college by alumnus Terry Thrash and Woerner Turf located in Foley, Alabama. Thrash, a former resident of Decatur and member of class of 1980, is employed by Woerner as Director of Marketing and now resides in Pensacola, Florida. Also pictured is Woerner employee Johnny Williams who delivered the sod to the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

CCC FOOTBALL COACHES - Football coaches at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 2000 campaign are (kneeling from left) Steve Kelly, Terry Underwood (head coach) and Tommy Clopton, and (standing from left) Todd Mangum, Tim Coats and Fredrick Lyons. Also pictured is athletic trainer Joey McLeod of Rush Sports Medicine Team. The Warriors begin season action on Thursday, August 31 when they travel to rival East Mississippi Community College for a 7 p.m. kickoff on the Scooba Campus. East Central begins home action against Mississippi Delta Community College on Thursday, September 7 Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. inWarrior Stadium. (EC Photo)

ECCC QUARTERBACKS AND RUNNING BACKS for football squad for the 2000 campaign (kneeling from left) quarterbacks Brian Zbyenieski of Choctawhatchee High, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla,. Mitchell McKinnon of Palatka, Fla., and Corey Amis of Newton County High; and running backs Terrance Wansley of Newton County and Derick Spellers of Seventh-first High in Fayetteville, N.C. Standing from left are running backs Brett Hazelwood of Clinton, Chad Warren of Quitman, Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama and Terrance DeGraffenried of Tuscaloosa Central, Alabama. At right is Tim Coats, Warrior offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and running backs coach. (EC Photo)

ECCC DEFENSIVE LINEMEN - on the East Central College football squad for the 2000 campaign include, kneeling - Quentin Bowens of Brooks High, Killen, Ala.; Nathan Johnson of East RankinAcademy, Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; and Jon Gusman and Keith Curry, both of Newton County High School. Standing from left - Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa County, Ala.. Jermaine Crosby of South Leake, Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central and Lerandon Bates of Tuscaloosa Central, Ala., at right is Steve Kelly, Warrior assistant coach. Not pictured is Fred Lyons, defensive lineman.



ECCC KICKERS, PUNTERS - Kickers and punters on the East Central Commun football squad for the 2000 campaign include from left - kicker/punter Josh Thor ton, kicker/defensive lineman Nathan Johnson of East Rankin Acad punter/defensive back Matt Smith of Forest. At right is Terry Underwood, Wa football coach. (EC Photo)

ECCC WARRIORS - from Newton County who are members of the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign. Kneeling from left are defensive back Rashad Blalock of Union, defensive back Cedric Cotton and quarterback Corey Amis, both of Newton County High School; and kicker/punter Josh Thoms of Newton. Standing - running back Terrance Wansley of Newton County High School, linebacker Teon Wilson of Newton, defensive back Josh Chaney of Newton County High School, linebacker Curt Blackburn of Newton County Academy, and defensive lineman Jon Gusman and Linebacker Keith Curry, both of Newton County High School. (EC Photo)

WEEK OF Sept. 4, 2000

East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood goes over the defensive game plan with his troops during first quarter action of the Warriors 35-28 win over East Mississippi Community College on Thursday.

Gamble pays off for ECCC in dramatic 35-28 victory

A packed Sullivan-Windham Memorial Stadium witnessed another classic between two old rivals as East Central Community College rallied for the go-ahead score- which included a ìtrickî two-point conversion - with 57 seconds remaining, then added a 58-yard interception return for a touchdown as time expired to claim a 35-28 win over East Mississippi College Community Thursday night in Scooba.

Down 14-0 early in first quarter action, East Central took its only lead in the gameís final minute when quarterback Mitchell McKinnon of Palatka, Florida, and wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Kentucky, connected on a 20-yard pass play, which was followed by the successful two-point conversion. The Warriors sealed their season-opening victory when defensive back Chris Hooper of Atlanta intercepted quarterback James Woobleis desperation pass and returned the pigskin 58 yards to paydirt as time expired.

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play, the center snaps ñ or actually laterals the ball ñ to the running back who hopefully follows his blockers into the end zone. We actually have several options we can use off the formation and as the season progresses we will probably add more plays," he stated.

On the successful two-point play, center Tommy Ford, a sophomore from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, ìsnappedî the pigskin to Warrior running back and former Newton County High School standout Terrance Wansley who crossed the goal line for the winning margin.

As East Central was driving toward the end zone, Underwood admitted there was ìno doubtî the Warriors would attempt the two-point conversion should they score a touchdown.

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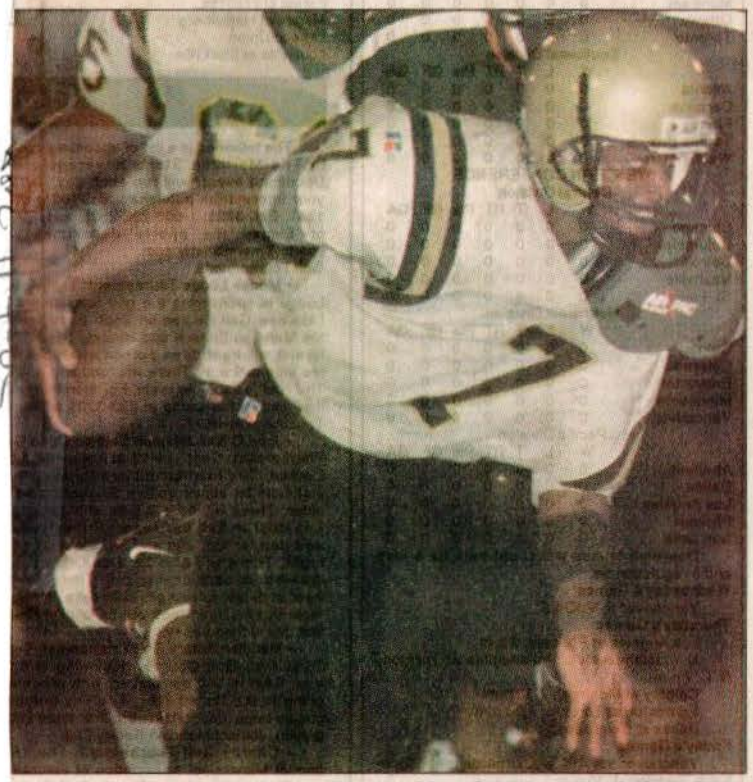

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ON THE MOVE — East Central quarterback Mitchell McKinnon, shown above, hope to improve their record to 3-0 tonight when they host Coahoma.

East Central hopes to stay unbeaten tonight at home

By Evan Smith

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — A lot of people might not give Coahoma Community College much of a chance to win tonight's football game at unbeaten East Central.

ECCC head coach Terry Underwood isn't one of them.

"Coahoma is not a bad team and they are not coming here for any other reason than to win a football game," Underwood said. "I know they haven't won in a while, but I also know their players are very eager to win."

Underwood

The lowly Tigers, who have posted records of 0-10 and 1-9 in their last two seasons, are off to another dismal start this year — but against good competition. They lost 37-0 to nationally-ranked Hinds in their season opener and took a 38-6 pounding at the hands of an undefeated Pearl River team last week.

But Underwood says regardless of how they look on paper, Coahoma has the potential of pulling an upset tonight if his Warriors don't come ready to play in the game that kicks off at 6:30 p.m.

"Their two losses have been to teams that have a combined record of 4-0. And there are only five undefeated teams left out of 14 in the league. So they have lost to some really good teams," he said.

"They've got at least four or five guys defensively who could play for anyone in the league. They've got two defensive ends I think could start on a lot of college teams," he added.

But while Underwood has a healthy respect for tonight's opponent, he is confident his team can remain undefeated if they play the way they're capable of playing.

The Warriors aren't 2-0 for nothing. They have a strong running attack fueled by tail

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backs Patrick Prince, Derrick Spellers and former Newton County High standout Terrance Wansley, as well as quarterback Mitchell McKinnon.

The defense, which Underwood expected to be a strength going into the season, showed signs of improvement in last weeks 14-0 win over Delta.

"I thought our defense played a lot better," he said. "We didn't give up any big plays — long passes or long runs — for scores. And we tackled better, ran to the ball better and played our scheme better.

"Any time you get a shutout — I don't care what level you're at — you played good defense."

While he was pleased with the effort of the entire defensive unit, Underwood said several players in particular had strong performances. Inside linebacker John Bibb (Fr., Tuscaloosa, Ala.) had 14 tackles and two assists; and defensive ends Quentin Bowens and Jermaine Crosby each had eight tackles.

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Receivers for the 2000 East Central Warriors

Receivers on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Dontay Spillman of Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky; Darrius Thames of Philadelphia, Lewis Bradford of Scott Central and Marcus Lee of Forest. Standing from left are Clint Burkes of Scott Central, Fredrick Knighten of Meridian, Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater and Detrick Sanders of Nanih Waiya. At right is tommy Clopton, Warrior wide receivers and tight ends coach.(EC Photo)

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ast Central Warriors blank Mississippi Delta 14 - 0 in Dec

xty-eight yard touchdown n their second play from nage proved to be all the East Central Community Col- Warriors would need Thurs- ght as they posted a 14-0 shut er the visiting Trojans from ippi Delta Community Col-

Central, which improved to he young season, found pay- en sophomore quarterback ll McKinnon of Palataka, fired a strike in the flats to an wide receiver Dontay an of louisville, Kentucky tran the Trojan defense to the e with 12:41 remaining in the g period. Freshman place osh Thoms of Newton added

warrior's second tally came hird period action on McKin- -yard scamper. Thoms again the PAT and remained per- all five attempts for the sea- 69-yard, five play drive was set up by McKinnon's 31-yard pass to Spillman, which gave EC possession on the Delta 38.

Following the victory, ECCC head coach Terry underwood said he was obviously happy to be 2-0 and praised the Warriors for their effort. "I thought we played hard most of the game but seemed to lose intensity when we scored early. The offense has too many penalties but did what it had to do to win. The kicking game was solid and i was proud of the defense for causing five turnovers and recording a shut out."

Delta, which dropped to 0-2, drove into Warrior territory on several occasions, only to have those scoring attempts nixed by standout ECCC defensive plays. Linebacker Anthony Thompson of Blakely, Georgia, stopped a possible scoring drive when he intercepted a trojan pass near midfield in first quarter action. Linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, recovered a Delta fumble on the East Central 25-yard line in the second period to end a scoring threat. Defensive back D'Angelo Lewis of Fayetteville, North Carolina, recorded an interception on the Warrior 31 late in the third stanza to stop the Trojan attack. Defensive lineman Jermaine Crosby of South Leake registered two quarterback sacks for six yard each to stop Delta drives, and an interception by linebacker Kendrick Love of Loiusville at the delta 40 with 1:48 remaining sealed the win for the undefeated Warriors.

East Central had 356 yards in total offense. McKinnon was the leading ground gainer with 94-yards on 10 carries and one touchdown. he also completed seven of 13 passes for 128 yards and one score. Dontay Spillman led all receivers with four catches for 107 yards and one touchdown. newton county High School product Terrance Wansley had 73 yards on 12 carries, followed by Derrick Spellers' 62 yards on six carries. Spellers is a freshman from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Freshman punter Matt Smith of forest punted eight times for a 37.8 yard average. His longest effort was 51 yards.

Delta had 187 yards in total offense.

Defensively for east central, John Bibb was the leading tackler with 14 stops, two assists and one fumble recovery.Other top defenders were Quentin Bowens of Killen, Ala., eight tackles and three assists; Jermaine Crosby, eight tackles, three assists and two quarterback sacks; Anthony Thompson, six tackles, two assists and one interception; LaKendrick Houston of Louisville, five tackles and two assists; D'Angelo Lewis, five tackles, one assist and one interception; Keith Curray of Newton County, five tackles, and Levi Duncan of Eustis, Florida, three tackles and two assists.

East Central will entertain Coahoma this Thursday night in another non-division matchup. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium. The tigers dropped to 0-2 last week following their 38-6 loss to undefeated Pearl River Community College.

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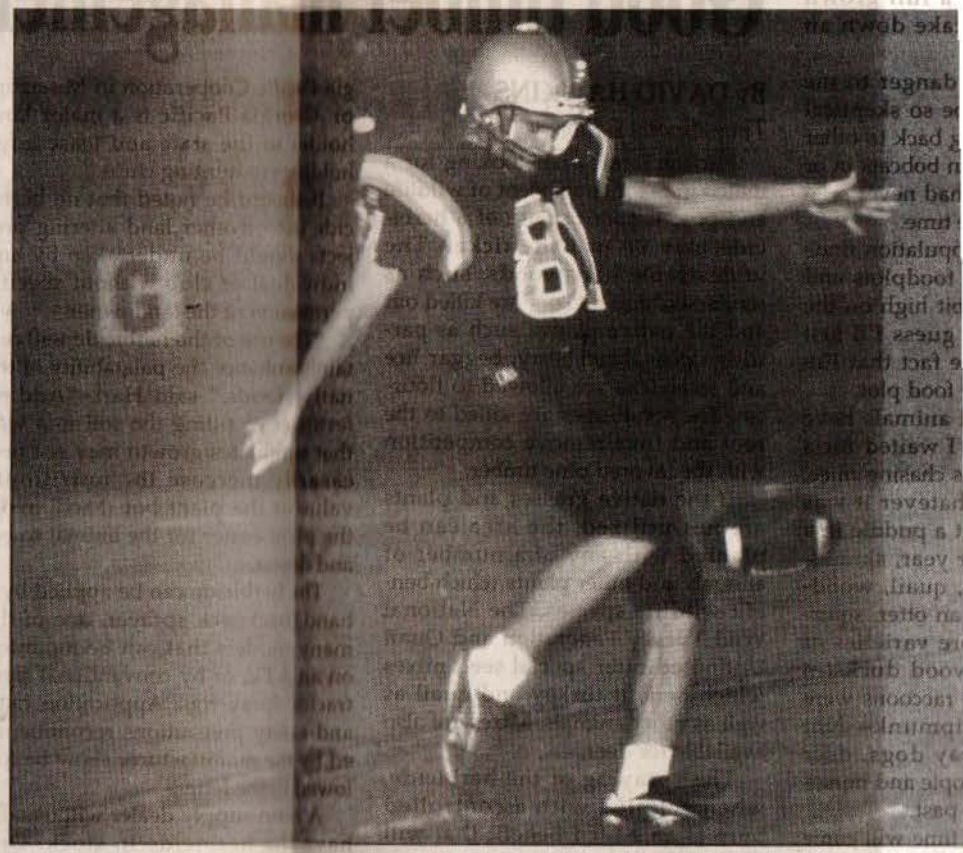

Freshman punter Matt Smith boots the ball

Matt Smith, a freshman from Forest, punts during second half action at East Cen lege in Decatur last week. Smith booted the ball eight times with an average distanc in the game was 51 yards (times staff photo by David Hawkins)

umni tennis match dates set

ni and current students of East Central Community College in are encouraged to participate in the college's Homecoming Tennis nent scheduled October 2-6, 2000.

nemant chairman Mike Anderson said the annual competitin men's and women's divisions. There is n o entry fee to compete in -long event, but each participant is required to furnish a can of ten-

deadline to enter this year's tournamnet is Wednesday, September

ore information contact Mike Anderson at east Central Community P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 301 or 310, or ree 1-877-462-3222, exts. 301 or 310.

WEEK OF Sept. 18, 2000

East Central thumps Coahoma; visits Gulf Coast on Thursday

From Special Reports

Sophomore quarterback Mitchell McKinnon of Palatka, Fla, ran for two touchdowns and threw for another score in leading East Central Community College to a 35-8 thumping over visiting Coahoma Community College Thursday night.

With the win, East Central improved to 3-0 while the Tigers dropped to 0-3.

McKinnon put the Warriors ahead early in the non-division matchup when he found pay dirt on a five-yard scamper with 11:59 left in the first period.

Freshman kicker Josh Thoms booted the first of five PATs on the night to remain perfect for the 2000 campaign.

McKinnon's tally capped a three-play, 22-yard drive, which was set up when linebacker Anthony Thompson of Blakely, Georgia, recovered a Tiger fumble.

The Warriors padded their lead early in the second stanza, with McKinnon finding the end zone on an 11-yard run, capping an eight-play, 67-yard march with 14:16 left before halftime.

East Central's final score before the break came on a 15-yard scoring strike from backup quarterback Brian Zbyenieski of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., to wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Ky.

The short scoring drive was set up when Coahoma punter Kacy Williams could not handle the snap from center and was forced to try a desperation pass, which fell incomplete. EC took possession at the Coahoma 15 yard-line.

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East Central led 21-0 at the break.

The Warriors put the game out of reach in the third period, with freshman running back Brett Hazelwood of Clinton crossing the goal line from 13 yards out. McKinnon later connected with Spillman on a 45-yard scoring pass play.

Coahoma got its only points of the night on an 85-yard interception of a

Warrior pass with 7:26 remaining in the contest. Terry Brown ran for the two-point conversion.

East Central had 301 yards rushing and 69 yards passing for a 370 total.

McKinnon led rushers with 13 carries f 71 yards. Other top ground gainers w Derrick Spellers of Fayettville, No Carolina, 15 rushes for 70 yards; Terra Wansley of Newton County High School, carries for 56 yards; Patrick Prince Tuscaloosa, two carries for 33 yards; a Hazelwood, two carries for 25 yards.

The Warriors had 19 first downs.

Top defenders for EC were Anthon Thompson, nine tackles; John Bibb of

Tuscaloosa, eight tackles; LaKendri Houston of Louisville, six tackles;

Rashad Blalock of Union, five tackles a one assist; Courtney Steele of Tuscaloo five tackles, two assists and one quarterba sack; Josh Chaney of Newton County, fi tackles, one assist and one intercepti Jermaine

Crosby of South Leake, four tackles, t assists and two quarterback sacks; and Le Duncan of Eustis, Florida, five tackles.

East Central begins South Division actio this Thursday when the Warriors take o Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Colleg Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. on the Perkinsto campus.

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Winston County athletes named at East Central

Above are Winston County athletes who are members of the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign. Kneeling from left are defensive back Keaton Donald of Noxapater, and linebackers Kendrick Love and LaKendrick Houston, both of Louisville. Standing from left are offensive linemen Reggie Cistrunk and Robert Finch, both of Louisville; wide receiver Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater and wide receiver Detrick Sanders of Nanih Waiya.

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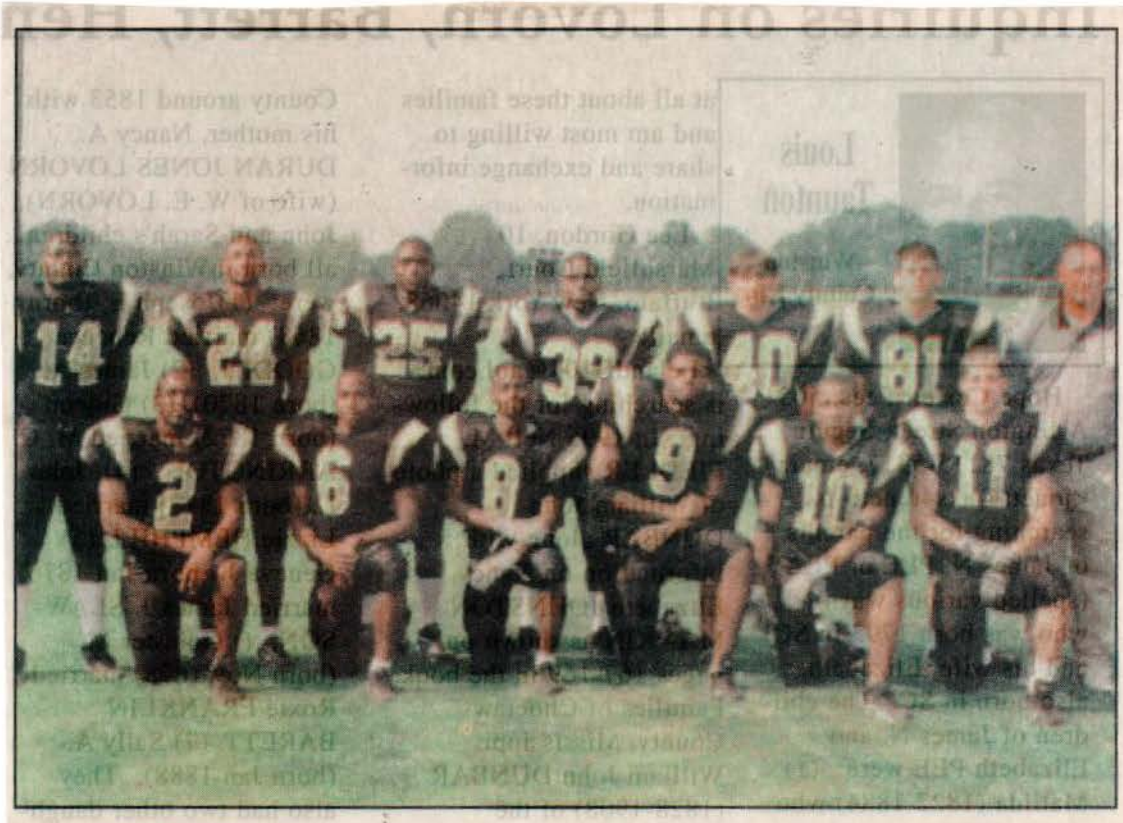

ECCC names defensive backs

Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Rashad Blalock of Union, Keaton Donald of Noxapater, Dexter Cole of Neshoba Central, Chris Hooper of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Ga,; D'Angelo Lewis of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N.C., and Tommy Ford of Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa, AL. Standing from left are Cedric Cotton of Newton County High School, Marco Cole of Neshoba Central, Corey Pickens of Tuscaloosa County High School, Dwight Agee of Collins, Josh Chaney of Newton County and Matt Smith of Forest. At right is Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.

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ECCC headed to Holmes

By Evan Smith

The Meridian Star

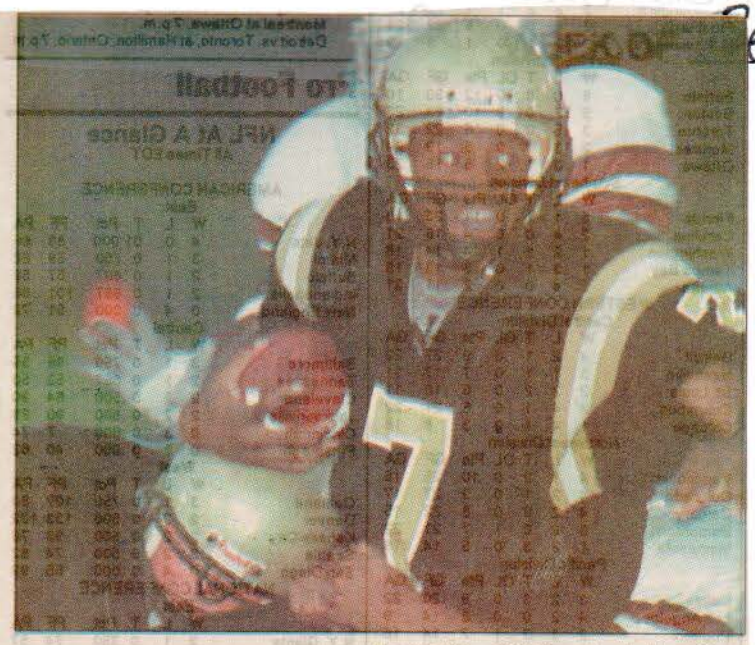
East Central Community College will be looking to rebound against the Holmes Community College Bulldogs Saturday after losing a heartbreaker in double-overtime last Thursday at Gulf Coast.

The Warriors (3-1, 0-1) got down early in last week's contest but fought back to give themselves a chance to win late in the game.

And according to head coach Terry Underwood, the character his team showed in making that comeback was what he was most pleased with.

"Being down 27-7 on the road, and not playing particularly well, it would have been easy for our kids to have thrown in the towel," Underwood said. "But they never quit and never stopped believing. I was really proud of that."

As usual, the East Central offense was able to move the ball well on the ground. The state's top rated rushing offense piled up 245 yards on the ground, most of which came from quarterback Mitchell McKinnon. McKinnon (So., Palatka, Fla.) led the team with 102 yards rushing on 19 carries.



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TACKLED — East Central's Mitchell McKinnon tries to break a tackle against Coahoma.

Unfortunately for the Warriors, the special teams were about as bad as the offense was good.

"We broke down in the kicking game," Underwood said. "We had a kickoff returned, we fumbled a punt that set up a touchdown for them and we had two extra points blocked. And you know, our kicking has really been a constant area for us. It hasn't necessarily been great, but it hasn't been anything that has been an Achilles heel for us. It just blew up in our face the other night."

Underwood and his staff have been giving extra attention to the special teams in practice this week.

"We feel like we have (solved the problems in the kicking game). We've really tried to simplify. Maybe we've just been trying to do too much. And not only in our kicking game but just getting back to the basics everywhere."

Underwood knows things won't get any easier this week as his squad travels to Holmes. The Bulldogs are 2-2 on the year and coming off a 31-7 loss to Itawamba last week. But once again, Underwood says this team is better than their record indicates.

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"They're a very solid football team in every area," Underwood said.

"They have a lot of big play capability on the offense. I wouldn't say they have as much as Gulf Coast, but they have some kids like that. They've got great receivers and running backs and the quarterback, J.V. Holly that played for Alabama in the All-Star game."

Underwood knows the loss to Gulf Coast has set his team back a little, but he is still expecting great things from them.

"We still haven't played as good as we can play. We haven't even scratched the surface. We've done some good things, but we're looking for a game where we just put it all together."

And hopefully for the Warriors, that game will be Saturday night.

Kick-off is set for 6 p.m. Saturday on the Goodman campus. All Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM(98.3).

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ECCC to hold Homecoming Bonfire, Pep Rally

East Central Community College invites the public to attend its annual Homecoming Bonfire. Pep Rally at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 5 on the band practice field on the Decatur campus.

Participants include the ECCC cheerleaders and the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. In addition, members of the 2000 ECCC Homecoming Court will be introduced by College President Dr. Phil Sutphin.

Warrior Rally falls short; Holmes claims 18-10 win

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Receivers on the East Central Community College football squad this season include, kneeling from left, Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Ky.; Darrius Thames of Philadelphia; Lewis Bradford of Scott Central and Marcus Lee of Forest. Standing from left are Clint Burkes of Scott Central; Fredrick Knighten of Meridian; Dee Hornesburger of Noxapater and Detrick Sanders of Nanih Waiya. They are coached by Tommy Clopton.

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EC offensive linemen stand ready for the 2000 season

Offensive linemen on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Randy Brown of Tuscaloosa County, Reggie Cistrunk of Louisville, Kenneth Hurt of Tuscaloosa County, Randy Brunson of Sebastopol, and Jerry Spencer of North Moore High School in Eagle Springs, N.C. Standing from left are John Carl Riser of Scott Central, Raphael Goodwin of Meridian, Robert Finch of Louisville, Cedric McAfee of Philadelphia and Chad Crowe of Leake Academy. At right is Todd Mangum, Warrior offensive line coach.(EC Photo)

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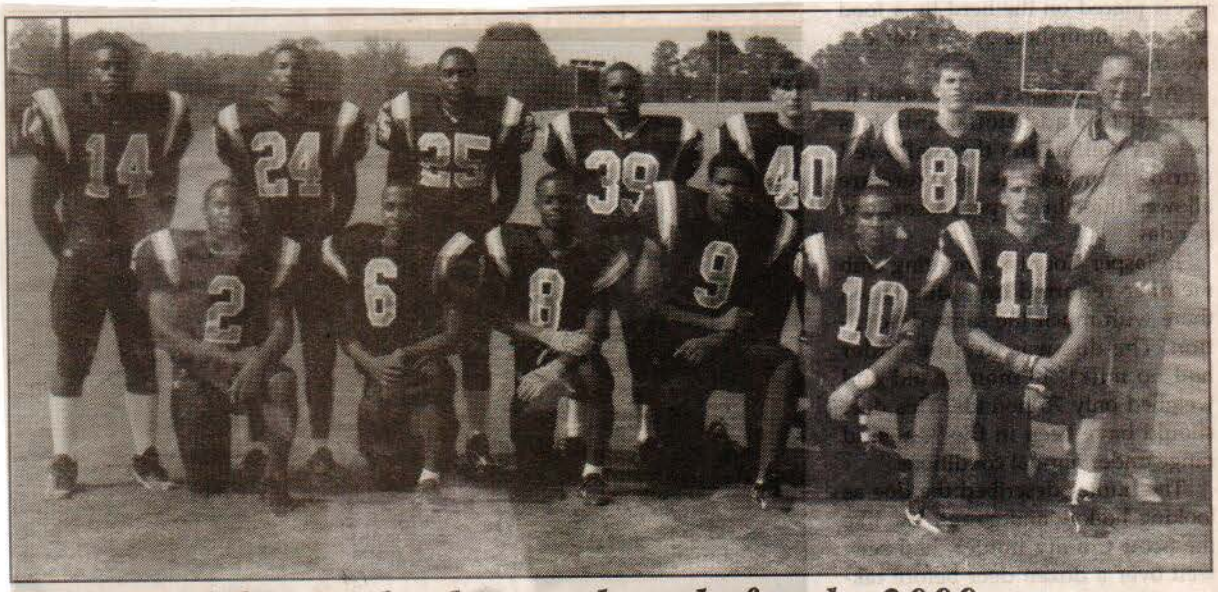

EC defensive backs stand ready for the 2000 season

Defensive backs on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Rashad Blaylock of Union, Keaton Donald of Noxapater, Dexter Cole of Neshoba Central, Chris Hooper of North Springs High School, Atlanta, Ga.; D'Angelo Lewis of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, N. C., and Tommy Ford of Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Standing from left are Cedric cotton of Newton County High School, Marco Cole of Neshoba Central, Corey Pickens of Tuscaloosa County High School, Dwight Agee of Collins, Josh Chaney of Newton County and Matt Smith of Forest. At right is Terry Underwood, Warrior head football coach.(EC Photo)

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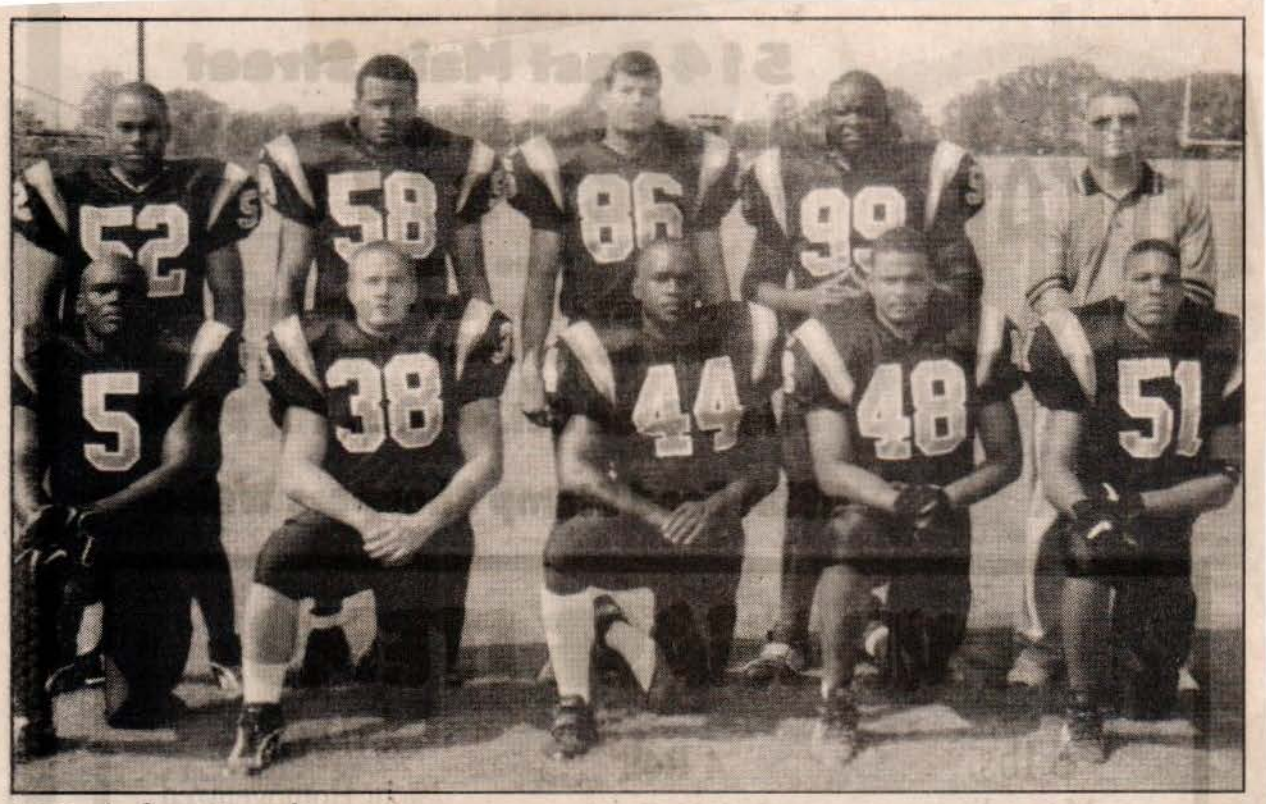

EC defensive lineman

Defensive lineman on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Quentin Bowens of Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.; Nathan Johnson of East Rankin Academy, Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; and Jon Gusman and Keith Curry, both of Newton County High School. Standing from left are Courtney Steele of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.), Jermaine Crosby of South Leake, Brian Lillis of Neshoba Central and Lerandon Bates of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.). At right is Steve Kelly, Warrior assistant coach. Not pictured is Fred Lyons, defensive line coach.

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WEEK OF 10/2/10

ECCC Warriors fall in double overtime at Gulf Coast 47-41

Doug Gabriel's eight yard touchdown run in the second overtime period gave Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College a hard-fought 47-41 win over East Central Community College Thursday night on the Perkinston campus in the south division opener for both squads.

East Central, which fell to 3-1 on the young season, had rallied from a 27-7 first-half deficit and was in position to win the division matchup in regulation play when quarterback Mitchell McKinnon's one-yard run tied the contest at 33-33 with 18 seconds remaining. However, a botched extra point attempt sent the game into overtime.

During the first extra period, Gabriel again got the call and found pay dirt on a one yard plunge, capping a seven-day drive from the 25 yard line. Instead of kicking the PAT, Gulf Coast went for the two-point conversion and found success behind running back Jason Armstead, whose efforts gave the Bulldogs at 41-33 advantage.

East Central responded with Terrance Wansley of Newton County scoring from one-yard out on the Warriors' sixth play from the 25-yard line. McKinnon then fired a strike to Clint Burkes of Scott Central to deadlock the contest at 41-41. It was Burkes' 14-yard reception from McKinnon that earlier gave EC first and goal from the one.

Ricky Ricks connected on a 17 yard scoring pass play, capping a six-play, 66-yard drive. Page fired a strike to running back Sidney Dumas for the two-point conversion and a 14-0 lead.

East Central got its first score when McKinnon, a sophomore from Palatka, Florida, found his favorite target, freshman Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Kentucky, on a 21-yard reception. Thoms added the PAT. Spillman's touchdown reception capped an eight-play, 52-yard march.

Gulf Coast extended its first-quarter advantage to 21-7 when Armstead tallied on a four-yard burst. Zack Martin kicked the PAT. The short scoring drive was set up by a Warrior fumble on a punt return at the EC nine yard line.

The Bulldogs got their biggest lead of the night early in the second stanza when Gabriel crossed the goal line on a one-yard plunge, capping a six-play, 78-yard march. The PAT was blocked. A key play during the scoring drive was a 49-yard reception and run by Deloise Moore who hauled in Page's pass after it was deflected by Gabriel.

East Central found pay dirt midway in the second period when defensive back D'Angelo Lewis of Fayetteville, North Carolina, intercepted Page's pass and raced 32 yards to the endzone. Thoms' PAT narrowed the scoring gap to 27-14 at half-time.

Wansley first finding pay dirt on a six yard run with 13:45 left, capping an eight-play, 60-yard drive. A key play during the scoring march, which was set up by a Bulldog interception by Tommy Ford of Tuscaloosa, was a 22 yard pass play from McKinnon to Bradford that gave EC possession on the Gulf Coast eight-yard line.

Gulf Coast later missed on a scoring opportunity thanks to Warrior linebacker Keith Curry of Newton county who blocked the Bulldogs' 34-yard field goal attempt.

McKinnon later led the Warriors on a 14-play, 66 yard march that consumed over six and a half minutes and was capped by his short touchdown run that sent the contest into extra periods.

Statistics

East Central had 245 yards rushing and 138 yards passing for a 383 total. McKinnon led rushers with 102 yards on 19 carries. Wansley had 51 yards on 17 attempts. McKinnon completed seven of 15 passes for 138 yards. Top receivers were Spillman, two for 61 yards; Burkes, two for 17 yards and Bradford, one for 22 yards. EC had 12 first downs. Thoms punted five times for a 39-4 yard average.

Gulf Coast had 515 total yards, with 277 on the ground and 238 passing. The Bulldogs had 18 first downs.

Defensive leaders for East Central were Quentin Bowens of Killen, Ala., Joh Bibb of Tuscaloosa and Lewis, eight tackles each and Dexter Cole

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In the second overtime period, East Central took first possession but was unable to muster any points, as Newton product Josh Thoms was unsuccessful on his 43 yard field goal attempt.

Gulf Coast finally clinched victory with Gabriel's eight-yard scamper, which came on the Bulldogs' fifth play of the drive. With the 47-41 victory, Gulf Coast improved to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in division play.

Gulf Coast Scores Early

The Bulldogs wasted little time getting on the scoreboard at A. L. May Memorial Stadium as Gabriel returned the opening kickoff 91 yards for a 6-0 lead. The PAT failed.

Gulf Coast tallied again a few minutes later when quarterback Jake Page and wide receiver

The Warriors continued their rally in the third period with McKinnon and Spillman again hooking up, this time on 42 yard screen pass. Thoms' PAT put East Central just six point behind, at 27-21. The scoring drive covered 53 yards and took only seven plays. Wansley's two yard run on fourth and one from the Gulf Coast 44 kept the drive alive for the Warriors.

Gulf Coast responded with another score, this time on Moore's one yard run with 4:37 left in the third quarter, capping an eight-play, 78-yard drive. The tow-point conversion failed, as Page's pass fell incomplete. However, the Bulldogs maintained their 33-21 advantage after three periods.

East Central scored the only points in the fourth quarter, with

WEEK OF 10/9/00

ECCC Warriors Rally For 25-15 Homecoming Win

DECATUR--East Central Community College overcame five turnovers - four in the first half- and an early eight-point deficit to post a 25-15 homecoming win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday afternoon on the Decatur campus.

With the victory, the Warriors snapped a two-game losing skid and improved to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in South Division action. The visiting Wolves dropped to 1-5 and 0-2.

It was a fumble by Co-Lin - which registered four turnovers that set up East Central's first score and a 7-0 lead. Warrior defensive back D'Angelo Lewis of Tuscaloosa made the recovery at the Co-Lin 29, and on EC's fifth play from scrimmage, running back Terrance Wansley of Newton County found the end zone on a one-yard plunge with 10:12 remaining in the first period. Josh Thorns of Newton booted the PAT.

The Wolves got their first points midway in the second stanza, when Thorns, who also handled punting duties for the injured Matt Smith of Forest, took a safety to avoid a strong Co-Lin rush when EC faced a fourth and seven situation from its own five-yard line.

The visitors tacked on two additional second-quarter scores - a one-yard tally by running back Michael Loving with 4:59 left before halftime and a 27-yard scoring pass play from quarterback Odell Bradley to running back Lorenzo Townsend with just over two minutes remaining before the break. The Warriors blocked Matt Powers' PAT attempt after Loving's touchdown but Powers was successful on his second attempt which gave Co-Lin a 15-7 advantage.

The Warriors quickly responded by driving 59 yards in six plays to close the gap, with running back Darrius Thames of Philadelphia finding pay dirt on an 11-yard scamper with just over a minute left before halftime. Quarterback Mitchell McKinnon's pass for the two-point conversion was unsuccessful, and Co-Lin maintained its slim 15-13 lead at the break.

East Central took control of the division matchup in the second half by registering key plays on offense and defense.

The EC defense stopped two Co-Lin scoring threats in the third stanza, thanks to quarterback sacks by linebackers John Bibb of Tuscaloosa and Levi Duncan of Eustis, Florida, which

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forced the Wolves to attempt long field goals, both of which failed.

East Central's offense then went back to work and gave the Warriors the lead for good early in the final stanza on a 58-yard scoring play featuring McKinnon and running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa. McKinnon, a product of Palatka (FL) High School, perfectly executed the option by first rolling right for 13 yards then tossing the pigskin to Prince who raced the final 45 yards for the score. The two-point conversion failed but EC grabbed a 19-15 lead.

The Warriors sealed the win with another score by Prince, this time a threeyard scamper with just over a minute left in the contest. The PAT failed. The short scoring drive was set up when linebacker Melvin Cotton of Holt, Ala., recovered a Co-Lin fumble at the Wolves' 20-yard line with 3:56 remaining.

East Central, which entered the division battle owning the league's top rushing offense with 270.4 yards per game, had 210 yards on the ground and 71 yards passing for a 281 total. McKinnon was the leading rusher with 78 yards on 13 carries. Prince had 57 yards on 10 attempts.

Co-Lin had 97 yards rushing and 47 yards passing for a 144 total. The Warriors had 12 first downs; Co-Lin registered five.

The Warriors will host nationally ranked Hinds Community College this Saturday in another key division battle. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. The Eagles are 5-1 overall and 2-0 in division competition. They suffered their first loss of the season last week, a 42-10 drubbing to undefeated Northwest Mississippi Community College.

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WEEK OF 10/9/00

No. 8 Hinds dodges East Central

From Special Reports

JUCO FOOTBALL

East Central gave an inspired effort Saturday but fell short 14-7 in its bid to upset No. 8 Hinds in a junior college game at Decatur.

East Central, 4-3 and 1-2 in the South Division, opened the scoring in the first quarter on quarterback Mitchell McKinnon's 46-yard run. Josh Thoms kicked the extra point.

Hinds, 6-1 and 3-0, unleashed its potent passing attack in the second quarter with quarterback Brad Banks throwing a 69-yard touchdown pass to Rodrecus Rand and a 27-yard touchdown pass to Chauncy Stovall. Trey Crum kicked the extra points.

East Central's defense hung tough all day, including a blocked field goal and interception to snuff out a Hinds drive.

The Eagles totaled 387 yards of total offense with 269 yards of it through the air. Rand caught seven passes for 148 yards and Stovall eight for 101 yards.

East Central had 275 yards of total offense with McKinnon rushing for 97 yards and completing 11 of 28 passes for 104 yards.

Northwest 42, Holmes 2

Will Hall threw for a school-record 514 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Rangers, 7-0, at Senatobia.

The sophomore from Amory now has a school-record 30 touchdown passes for the season. He completed 27 of 32 passes Saturday with two interceptions.

Hall threw TD passes of 70 and 20 to Anton Paige plus a 64-yarder to Marcus Christon and a 3-yarder to Ty Freeman. Paige caught five passes for 128 yards and ran his TD reception total to 10.

The Rangers also scored on Johnathan Shaw's blocked punt recovery in the end zone and Andrew Oetzel's 1-yard run.

Northwest rolled up 598 yards of total offense to Holmes' 198.

The Bulldogs, 3-4, scored in the first quarter when defensive lineman Thomas Payne sacked Hall in the end zone.

Delta 34, Northeast 17

Michael Gammel scored on a 12-yard run and later threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Tavares Gideon to lead the Trojans, 4-3 and 3-0 in the North Division, at Booneville.

Gideon also caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Ken Powell. Other Delta scores came on Meret McKinnie III's 7-yard run and Hiawatha Brown's 1-yard run.

Northeast, 2-5 and 1-2, scored touchdowns on Keith Belton's 40-yard run and O.J. Moore's 50-yard reception from Dennis Sampson.

Co-Lin 9, Pearl River 3

Odell Bradley ran 24 yards for a touchdown in overtime to propel Copiah-Lincoln to a victory over Pearl River at Wesson.

Co-Lin, which also scored on Matt Powers' 40-yard fourth-quarter field goal, improved to 2-5 and 1-2 in the South Division.

Pearl River, which scored on Jack Byrd's 20-yard second-quarter field goal, dropped to 3-4 and 1-3.

This week's schedule

Four games will be played Thursday. Coahoma is at Southwest, East Mississippi is at Holmes and Itawamba is at Northeast, all at 7 p.m., and Co-Lin is at Hinds at 7:30.

Saturday's three games include East Central at Jones at 2 p.m., Pearl River at Gulf Coast at 3 p.m. and Northwest at Delta at 7 p.m.

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WEEK OF Oct. 9, 2000

East Central chills Co-Lin, 25-15

by Marty Stamper

Patrick Prince scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter as the East Central Community College Warriors rallied for a chilly 25-15 homecoming win over Copiah-Lincoln Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

The Warriors improved to 1-1 in the South Division and 4-2 overall. Co-Lin fell to 0-2 and 1-5.

A strong, chilly wind out of the north made passing and kicking the football an adventure for both teams. Of the game's 40 points, 34 were posted with the win at the scoring team's back.

"The wind had a lot of bearing on the game," EC head coach Terry Underwood said. "The wind was like a 12th man if you were on defense and had the wind with you."

After a game-opening sequence that saw the Warriors' D'Angelo Lewis recover two fumbles and Co-Lin's Correy Murray pick off a pass in a three-play span, the Warriors used Lewis' second fumble recovery to go 19 yards for the game's first score. Terrance Wansley scored from a yard out with 10:12 left in the first period. Josh Thoms booted the extra point.

The teams combined for five turnovers by the time the first quarter ended.

Co-Lin picked up two points midway through the second quarter as Thoms had to give the Wolves an intentional safety after fielding a low snap on fourth down.

Who's your daddy?

1981	ECCC	24-21
1982	Hinds	7-0
1983	Hinds	21-13
1984	Hinds	7-0
1985	Hinds	22-21
1986	Hinds	19-7
1987	Hinds	14-7
1988	Hinds	19-2
1989	Hinds	31-7
1990	Hinds	28-12
1991	Hinds	13-0
1992	Hinds	16-0
1993	Hinds	34-7
1994	Hinds	47-0
1995	Hinds	66-18
1996	Hinds	45-7
1997	Hinds	20-7
1998	Hinds	35-7
1999	Hinds	24-6

lose 5 yards with 1:32 to go in the period.

After ECCC coughed the ball up at the 18, the Warriors held again and a 33-yard field goal attempt by Matt Powers to start the fourth quarter barely got waist high.

"Our defense just bowed up there and didn't let them in the end zone. That was big because if they go up another touchdown I don't really know if we can overcome it," Underwood said.

With the wind now blowing at the Warriors' back, McKinnon cut upfield on an option and later alled to a wide open Prince who completed a 58-yard scoring play with 13:26 left in the contest. A two-point bid failed, but the Warriors led 19-15.

"That was a great play by our quarterback," Underwood said. "Our quarterback made a heck-of-a run and the tailback stayed with him. Mitchell had the awareness to pitch the ball when the last defender came up. Obviously it

East Central's Josh Chaney (40) and Teon Wilson (30) try to block a punt in their 25-15 homecoming win over Co-Lin.

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Following a short free kick into the wind, the Wolves went up 8-7 on a 1-yard run by Michael Loving with 4:59 to go before halftime. The Warriors blocked the extra point.

After recovering a Warrior fumble at the EC 36 with four minutes remaining in the first half, the Wolves extended their lead to 15-7. Odell Bradley was nearly sacked but eluded the Warrior defense in time to throw across the field to Lorenzo Townsend for a 28-yard scoring play with 2:25 to go.

The Warriors responded with the game's only points into the wind as Darrius Thames ran 11 yards on a reverse with 1:20 left in the first half. A two-point try failed as Co-Lin led 15-13 at the break. A key play on the drive was a 26-yard run by Mitchell McKinnon to the Co-Lin 11.

Co-Lin had two chances in the third period to pad its lead only to have the Warrior defense crush both opportunities. The Wolves attempted a fake field goal only to

After the Warriors recovered a fumble at the Co-Lin 21, Prince outran the Wolves to the left corner of the end zone from three yards out with 1:02 remaining. Thoms' PAT was no good.

EC lost four fumbles and had a pass picked off in the game, while Co-Lin lost four fumbles.

EC hosts Hinds, 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the South Division, Saturday afternoon. Hinds took a 42-10 beating at Northwest last week.

The Eagles have beaten the Warriors in their last 18 meetings. EC's last victory came in 1981, 24-21, at Raymond.

The Warriors haven't beaten Hinds in Decatur since 1979

WEEK OF Oct. 16, 2000

Hinds hangs on for 14-7 victory over East Central

Key defensive plays by East Central Community College kept the high-powered Hinds offense in check most of the day but turnovers and missed opportunities by the Warrior offense helped give the nationally ranked Eagles a hard-fought 14-7 win Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

Hinds, ranked eighth in the national juco poll prior to the South Division matchup with the Warriors, maintained its top spot in the league standings with a 3-0 mark, while East Central dropped to 1-2. The Eagles are 6-1 overall and the Warriors are 4-3.

East Central, which entered the contest with the stateís best rushing offense at 272.8 yards per game, scored on its first possession when quarterback Mitchell McKinnon of Patatka, Florida, scampered 46 yards to pay dirt on fourth and one with 11:04 remaining in the first stanza. Josh Thoms of Newton kicked the PAT.

Hinds threatened to score later in the same period, but a fumble recovery by Warrior linebacker LaKendrick Houston of Louisville on the EC four-yard-line nixed the scoring threat.

East Central failed to convert a scoring opportunity early in the second quarter when a fumble by Hinds punt return specialist Nate Young gave the Warriors excellent field position on the Eagles' 24-yard-line. The Warriors – while set up for Thomsí 42-yard field goal attempt – tried a trick pass from the formation but the effort was not successful.

Hinds, which owns the stateís second- best passing offense with 203.8 yards per game, finally got its no-huddle offense untracked midway in the second quarter when quarterback Brad Banks connected with wide receiver Rodrecus Rand on 69-yard scoring pass play. Trey Crum added the PAT.

On their next possession, the Eagles drove to the EC 11-yard-line, only to have Bank's 11-yard touchdown run nullified by a penalty followed by a fumble recovery by Warrior linebacker Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla., at the EC 23-yard-line.

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Hinds would later capitalize on a Warrior miscue and take the lead for good when Banks fired a 27-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Chauncey Stovall with 1:41 left before halftime. Crum again booted the PAT. The Eagle tally was set up by McKinnon's fumble, which was recovered by Hinds defensive end Andrew Williams at the EC 27.

The Warriors began third period action by driving to the Hinds' 19-yard line but the scoring threat was nullified when McKinnon fumbled and Williamsí again made the recovery. Williams, a 6-4, 269-pound defensive standout from Tampa, Florida, returned the loose pigskin to the Warrior 49-yard-line, where he was finally dragged down by the 196-pound McKinnon.

The EC defense would again deny Hindsí any points, as a fumble recovery by defensive end Jermaine Crosby of South Leake stopped the Eagle drive at the EC 37. Hinds mounted another march in the same period but an interception by defensive back Cedric Cotton of Newton County stopped that possible scoring opportunity near midfield.

East Central appeared to be on a scoring drive late in the third quarter but McKinnon's third fumble – recovered by Eagle defensive lineman Tyrone Robertson – nixed the threat at the Hinds 31-yard-line.

Hinds responded to the Warrior mistake by launching a drive of its own, which later stalled at the EC seven-yard-line. Once again the Warrior defense met the challenge, as Cotton blocked Crumís 28-yard field goal attempt with 2:24 left in the third period.

Fourth quarter action again saw the Warrior defense stop the Hinds attack. After a penalty nullified Banks' 12-yard TD run, EC defensive back D'Angelo Lewis of Fayetteville, North Carolina, picked off Banks' pass near the goal line and returned the pigskin to the Warrior 20-yard line. A quarterback sack by Duncan and Cotton also helped to stop a Hinds drive at the East Central 22-yard line with 3:42 remaining.

The Eagles, who rank third in total offense with 344.8 yards per game, surpassed that mark against East Central with 249 yards passing and 118 yards rushing for a 387 total. Rand led Hinds with seven catches for 148 yards and a touchdown, followed by Stovall's eight receptions for 101 yards and a score. The Eagles had 17 first downs.

East Central, the stateís top rushing offense with a 272.8-yard average, had 171 yards rushing against the top-rated Hinds rushing defense, which had previously allowed just 58.7 yards per contest.

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The Warriors added 104 yards passing for a 275 total. Mitchell, in addition to completing 11 of 28 passes for the 104 total, was the Warriorsí top ground gainer with 97 yards on 10 carriers and a touchdown. EC, the stateís second best overall offensive unit with a 387.8-yard average, had 13 first downs.

This week East Central travels to Jones County Junior College for another division battle. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. in Ellisville. The Bobcats defeated East Mississippi 25-0 Saturday and improved to 3-4 overall. Jones is 1-2 in division play.

WEEK OF 10/16/00

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Managers and student trainers on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (front row, from left) manager Jareel Combest of Louisville, trainer Adam Wyatt of Leake Academy, manager Damon Hudson of Philadelphia and trainer Kimberly Harris of Newton; and (back row, from left) managers Ben Wilbanks of Leake Academy, Michael Thompson of Prentiss Christian Academy in Collins, Joe Brock Faulkner of Leake Academy and Terrance Anderson of Nanih Waiya.

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Linebackers on the East Central Community College football squad for the 2000 campaign include (kneeling from left) Anthony Thompson of Early County High School, Blakely, Ga.; John Bibb of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.), Teon Wilson of Newton and Howard Jackson of Scott Central. Standing from left are Curt Blackburn of Newton County Academy, and Kendrick Love and LaKendrick Houston, both of Louisville. At right is Steve Kelly, Warrior linebackers and special teams coach.

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WEEK OF 10/~~08~~/16/10

ECCC Warriors rally for 25-15 Homecoming win

East Central Community College overcame five turnovers - four in the first half - and an early eight-point deficit to post a 25-15 homecoming win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College Saturday afternoon on the Decatur campus.

With the victory, the Warriors snapped a two-game losing skid and improved to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in South Division action. The visiting Wolves dropped to 1-5 and 0-2.

It was a fumble by Co-Lin - which registered four turnovers - that set up East Central's first score and a 7-0 lead. Warrior defensive back D-Angelo Lewis of Tuscaloosa made the recovery at the Co-Lin 29, and on EC's fifth play from scrimmage, running back Terrance Wansley of Newton County found the end zone on a one-yard plunge with 10:12 remaining in the first period. Josh Thoms of Newton booted the PAT.

The Wolves got their first points midway in the second stanza, when Thoms, who also handled punting duties for the injured Matt Smith of Forest, took a safety to avoid a strong Co-Lin rush when EC faced a fourth and seven situation from its own five-yard line.

The visitors tacked on two additional second-quarter scores - a one-yard tally by running back Michael Loving with 4:59 left before halftime and a 27-yd. scoring pass play from quarterback Odell Bradley to running back Lorenzo Townsend with just over two minutes remaining before the break. The Warriors blocked Matt Powers' PAT attempt after Loving's touchdown but Powers was successful on his second attempt which gave Co-Lin a 15-7 advantage.

The Warriors quickly responded by driving 59 yards in six plays to close the gap, with running back Darrius Thames of Philadelphia finding pay dirt on an 11-yard scamper with just over a minute left before halftime. Quarterback Mitchell McKinnon's pass for the two point conversion was unsuccessful, and Co-Lin maintained its slim 15-13 lead at the break.

East Central took control of the division matchup in the second half by registering key plays on offense and defense.

The EC defense stopped two Co-Lin scoring threats in the third stanza, thanks to quarterback sacks by linebackers John Bibb of Tuscaloosa and Levi Duncan of Eustis, Florida, which forced the Wolves to attempt long field goals, both of which failed.

East Central's offense then went back to work and gave the Warriors the lead for good early in the final stanza on a 58-yard scoring play featuring McKinnon and running back Patrick Prince of Tuscaloosa. McKinnon, a product of Palatka High School, perfectly executed the option by first rolling right for 13 yards then tossing the pigskin to Prince who raced the final 45 yards for the score. The two-point conversion failed but EC grabbed a 19-15 lead.

The Warriors sealed the win with another score by Prince, this time a three-yard scamper with just over a minute left in the contest. The PAT failed. The short scoring drive was set up when linebacker Melvin Cotton of Holt, Ala., recovered a Co-Lin fumble at the Wolves' 20-yard line with 3:56 remaining.

East Central, which entered the division battle owning the league's top rushing offense with 270.4 yards per game, had 210 yards on the ground and 71 yards passing for a 281 total. McKinnon was the leading rusher with 78 yards on 13 carries. Prince had 57 yards on 10 attempts. Co-Lin had 97 yards rushing and 47 yards passing for a 144 total. The Warriors had 12 first downs; Co-Lin registered five.

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WEEK OF Oct. 21, 2000

East Central jams Jones JC 38 - 28

After spotting Jones Junior College a 21-0 lead, East Central Community College rallied to post a 38-28 win over the host Bobcats on a warm Saturday afternoon in Ellisville.

The South Division victory not only kept the Warrior's playoff hopes alive with a 2-2 mark, it also gave head football coach Terry Underwood and assistant Todd Mangum a second-straight victory over their alma mater. East Central claimed a 31-21 homecoming win last season in Decatur.

The celebration for Saturday's victory was short-lived for the 5-3 Warriors however, as Mangum collapsed on the playing field after being doused with cold water by Warrior team members. He was taken by ambulance to a Laurel hospital where he was later treated and released.

Jones, which fell to 3-5 overall and 1-3 in division play, grabbed an early 7-0 lead when quarterback Fabian Walker lofted a 12-yard touchdown strike to Ahmad Harris with 11:46 left in the first period. Will Parker kicked the PAT.

Bobcat running back Ralph Davis later scored on a seven-yard scamper, and following Parker's PAT Jones held a 14-0 advantage after the first quarter.

Jones took what appeared to be a commanding 21-0 lead early in the second stanza when Davis again crossed the goal from seven yards out. Parker added the PAT.

But, the Warriors had other ideas and began their rally on the ensuing kickoff, with sophomore running back Terrance Wansley of Newton county later scoring on a 22-yard jaunt. Josh Thoms of Newton booted th APT, cutting the Jones lead to 21-7.

East Central scored again late in the first half on a 45-yard pass play from quarterback Brian Zbyenieski to wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Louisville, Kentucky. Thoms' PAT put EC within a touchdown, 21-14, at the break.

The Warriors took advantage of a Bobcat miscue early in the second half action and tied the contest when freshman running back Chad Warren of Quitman rambled 18 yards to pay dirt. Thoms again added the PAT, which he booted from 36 yards out, as the Warriors were penalized for excessive celebration.

The EC scoring drive covered just 33 yards, ad was set up when freshman defensive back Josh Chaney of Newton County recovered a Jones fumble.

Jones regained the lead on their next possession, with running back Ryan earnest finding the end zone on a one-yard plunge. Parker's PAT made it 28-21.

EC closed the scoring gap to 28-24 on Thoms' 34-yard field goal with 1:51 remaining in the third period. The Warriors had driven from their own 26-yard-line to the Jones eight, but had to settle for a field goal attempt on fourth and 17.

The Warriors began fourth quarter action by capitalizing on another Bobcat miscue. After defensive back Rashad Blalock of Union recovered a Jones fumble on the EC 44-yard-line, it took the Warriors just four plays to light up the scoreboard as Wansley posted his second touchdown, this time from 23 yards out. Thoms' PAT gave EC a 31-28 advantage.

East Central clinched the victory with 3:23 remaining on quarterback Mitchell McKinnon's five-yard run and Thoms' PAT.

The EC scoring drive began on the Warrior's 25-yard-line with 9:45 left in the game. Key plays during the 14-play, 75-yard march included a 12-yard pass completion from McKinnon, to running back Patrick Prince on third and 10, followed by a 21-yard pass from McKinnon to Spillman on a third and eight situation, which gave EC a first down on the Jones 26-yard-line. McKinnon's 12-yard scamper from the Bobcat 15 also helped setup his touchdown run.

Statistically, East Central piled up 456 yards of total offense, with 264 yards coming on the ground. Wansley was the leading rusher with 90 yards on 13 carries. He also scored two touchdowns. McKinnon rushed 14 times for 64 yards and scored once. McKinnon completed 10 of 20 passes for 137 yards. Zbyenieski completed three of six passes for 55 yards and one touchdown.

Unofficially, Jones had 178 yards rushing and passed for 164 for a 342 total.

East Central will host nationally ranked Southwest Mississippi Community College this Thursday in another key division matchup. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. The Bears, ranked fourteenth in the latest juco poll, are 7-1 overall and 3-1 in league competition. They defeated Coahoma 25-0 last week.

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WEEK OF 10/23/00

East Central's Cedric Cotton (14) rejects a field goal attempt by Hinds during a recent game in Decatur. The Warriors host Southwest Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Cotton is a Newton County High graduate.

EC spots Jones 21 before rallying for 38-28 win

If there's one standout characteristic about this year's football team at East Central Community College, it's that the Warriors just won't quit no matter how bad things look.

EC found itself trailing Jones 21-0 at Ellisville Saturday afternoon before rallying to claim a 38-28 victory over the Bobcats.

EC improves to 2-2 in the South Division and 5-3 overall. Jones fell to 1-3 and 3-5.

Trailing 21-0 early in the second quarter, EC moved 50 yards in six plays. Terrance Wansley scored the touchdown on a 22-yard run with 12:08 to play in the opening half. Josh Thoms kicked the extra point.

A 94-yard drive in just four plays pulled the Warriors to within 21-14 at halftime. Brian Zbyenieski hit Dontay Spillman on a 45-yard scoring pass with 3:30 left in the half.

Jones took the second half kickoff but fumbled on its first offensive play with the Warriors' Josh Chaney recovering at the Bobcats' 33. The Warriors drove 33 yards in five plays to score when Chad Warren scooted [illegible] Spillman for 22 yards. Spillman caught eight passes for 127 yards on the afternoon.

Jones rebounded and moved 70 yards in eight plays to score on Ryan Earnest's 1-yard leap to go up 28-21.

Thoms nailed a 34-yard field goal with 1:51 to play in the third period to pull the Warriors to within 28-24.

Jones fumbled again with EC's Rashad Blalock recovering at the EC 44 early in the fourth period and the Warriors went for the jugular.

Wansley ran 23 yards for the score with 11:14 left in the game to give the Warriors their first lead.

EC used a six-minute drive to seal the win as McKinnon scored on a 5-yard run with 3:23 remaining. The Warriors used 15 plays to cover 75 yards.

EC had 456 yards total offense with Wansley gaining 90 on 13 carries.

EC hosts Southwest Thurs-day at Decatur with kickoff set for 6:30 p.m. The Bears are 3-1 in the division and 7-1 overall after beating [illegible]

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Southwest outmans East Central

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood knew his Warriors faced a big challenge, especially on offense, when they squared off with Southwest Thursday night.

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The Bears, tied with Dixie (Utah) State College for the No. 11 spot in this week's NJCAA poll, lived up to their billing as they claimed a 24-12 South Division win over EC to improve to 8-1 overall and 4-1 in the division.

Southwest hosts No. 6 Hinds next week. EC fell to 5-4 and 2-3 and closes out at Pearl River on Thursday.

"They've got a great defensive team," Underwood said of the Bears. "I don't know if their defense isn't as good as Hinds and we felt that way all week. We knew it was going to be a big challenge with our offense to move the football against them.

"And they've got a good offensive team. They've just got a real solid football team. We got beat by a real good football team. I've coached a long time and I know when I've been beat. We got beat tonight fair and square. Our kids played hard. We made some mistakes here or there that we might have had a chance to pull it out, but in the end, we just didn't get it done and they did."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Bears took a 3-0 lead on a 44-yard field goal by Brad Boyd with 14:02 showing in the second quarter.

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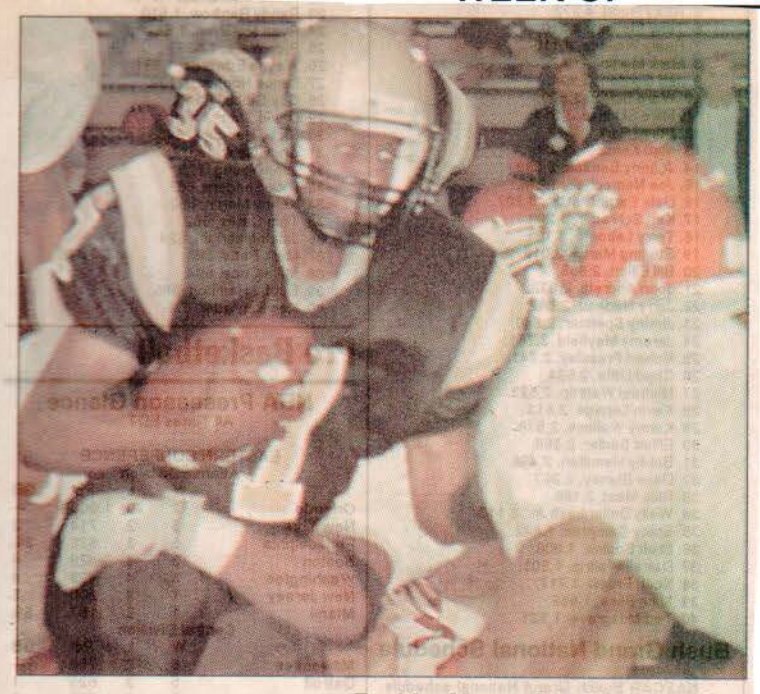

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BREAKING LOOSE — East Central's Dontay Spillman tries to break a tackle against Southwest Thursday night.

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The Bears moved from heir 16 to the EC 20 where a 5-yard sack of Andreco Hines by Rashad Blalock forced the field goal.

D'Angelo Lewis put the Warriors in business when he picked off a Hines pass at midfield and returned it to the Southwest 29 midway through the second quarter. On third-and-9 at the 16, Warrior quarterback Mitchell McKinnon fumbled the ball away to the Bears at the 9.

Hines returned the favor when he was blasted by Keith Curry and Jon Gusman returned the fumble 15 yards for a touchdown to give the Warriors a 6-3 lead with 6:02 to go before halftime. After a 15-yard penalty, the Warriors, extra point attempt resulted in a desperation pass that fell incomplete.

The Bears answered with a 13-yard touchdown run by Jeremy Myles with 2:34 remaining in the first half. Boyd's PAT gave Southwest a 10-6 midway lead.

Both teams lost scoring chances early in the second half. The Bears had the ball at the EC 48 only to lose a fumble that Quentin Bowens recovered at the Bears 44. The Warriors then drove to the 13 where a holding penalty pushed the ball back to the 25. A 34-yard field goal bid ended in zilch when the snap was low to the holder and the kick wasn't attempted.

Hines set up the Bears' next score when he raced 64 yards to the EC 3. Two plays later, Jacob Prim took a pitchout around left end from four yards out for a touchdown. Boyd's PAT gave Southwest a 17-6 lead with 6:15 left in the third quarter.

Dontay Spillman breathed life back into the EC hopes when he returned a punt 81 yards for a touchdown with 11:43 to play. On the two-point try, Brian Zbyenieski was sacked by Kelvin Morris to leave the Warriors trailing 17-12.

With 41 seconds left, Alonzo Ard took a pitch around left end for a 2-yard touchdown run to seal the win for Southwest. The big play on the drive was when Hines found Joe Hill for a 19-yard gain to the EC 6 on fourth-and-7 with 2:50 remaining. Boyd's kick capped the scoring.

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

East Central eyes sixth win of season at Pearl River

By Evan Smith

The Meridian Star

The East Central Community College Warriors will not be playing for a trip to the MACJC playoffs tonight when they travel to Poplarville to face the Wildcats of Pearl River.

Last week's 24-12 loss to Southwest killed the Warriors' playoff hopes.

But just because the Warriors, who are 5-4 overall and 2-3 in South Division play, are out of the playoff picture doesn't mean tonight's 7 p.m. contest isn't important. According to head coach Terry Underwood, the Warriors still have a lot on the line.

"For one thing, winning this game will ensure us of a winning season," Underwood said. "And that was one of the goals we set early in the year.

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"You've got Northwest who's undefeated, then you've got Hinds and Southwest at 8-1. After that there are only a chosen few teams that are going to be able to finish 6-4. So if we can win, it will still leave us among that elite group. And that's something we want our program to get established as — being in that elite group."

After the pride factor, the sophomore class is eying another goal that would come with a win.

"If we can win, our sophomores will be the second winningest group in the history of this school," Underwood said. "They will have won 14 games in the last two years, which would be a great honor."

Winning may not be an easy task for the Warriors though. While Pearl River (1-4, 4-5) isn't exactly a South Division powerhouse, the Wildcats got off to a sluggish start this year

but have shown signs of improvement recently.

According to Underwood, strength and size are Pearl River's biggest assets. And he expects the Wildcats to use that size to establish the running game early.

"They're big and strong up-front on both defense and offense. They're going to work on controlling the line of scrimmage."

Running behind that big offensive line will be tailback Perry Tisdale, who rushed for more than 200 yards in last week's 54-21 win over Northeast.

Joining Tisdale on the Wildcats' offensive attack will be wide receiver Keyshawn Fudge, a former Mississippi State signee with big-play capability who prepped at Hattiesburg.

Stopping the run and containing Fudge will be the Warriors' primary objectives on defense.

Offensively, East Central will continue to use its dominating rushing attack. The Warriors, who have led the state in rushing all season, have a talented back of the [illegible] in former Newton County [illegible] Terrance Wansley, who is among the state's leading rushers.

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Southwest CC Bears stop East Central's playoff bid

❑ Warriors' top ground game stalls in 24-12 div. loss

A return trip to the state playoffs will be delayed at least a year for the East Central Warriors. The nationally ranked Southwest Bears knocked off EC 24-12 Thursday night in Decatur and secured a playoff trip for themselves in the process.

East Central, 5-4 overall and 2-3 in division competition, needed wins over the fourteenth ranked Bears and Pearl River to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Against Southwest, the Warriors' state leading running game was held to just 80 yards, far below its 270-yard average. The Warriors also added just 60 yards passing and finished with 140 yards on offense, while Southwest compiled 234 rushing yards and 68 yards passing for a 302 total.

After a scoreless first quarter, Southwest took a 3-0 lead on Brad Boyd's 44-yard field goal early in the second period.

East Central would later grab its only lead of the contest when defensive lineman Jon Gusman scooped up a Bear fumble and scored from eight yards out with six minutes left before halftime. The PAT failed which left East Central with only a field goal lead, 6-3.

Southwest regained the lead for good four-and-a-half minutes later when Jeremy Myles found pay dirt on a 13-yard scamper. Boyd's PAT gave the Bears a 10-6 advantage at halftime.

The Bears extended their lead to 17-6 late in the third on Jacob Primm's four-yard run. Boyd added the PAT.

East Central cut the Southwest lead early in the final stanza when Dontay Spillman raced through the Bear defense on an 81-yard punt return.

The two-point conversion was stopped, leaving the Bears with a 17-12 lead.

Southwest sealed the win late in the contest on Alonza Ard's two-yard run with 41 seconds to play.

Boyd added his final PAT to set the final score at 24-12.

The EC rushing attack was led by Mitchell McKinnon, who had 53 yards on seven carries.

Levi Duncan led East Central's defense with five tackles, five assists and one sack, while Quentin Bowens added five tackles and five assists and Jermaine Crosby of South Leake finished with four tackles and six assists.

The Warriors close the 2000 campaign by traveling to Pearl River CC on Thursday with kickoff slated for 7 p.m.

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WEEK OF 11/6/00

East Central's Jon Gusman (48) returns a fumble for a touchdown in a recent game with Southwest. In beating Pearl River 34-13 last week, the Warriors finished 6-4 for their fourth winning season in the last five years.

EC closes with 34-13 win at Pearl River

by Marty Stamper

Freshman wide receiver Dontay Spillman racked up 213 all-purpose yards and scored three touchdowns as East Central Community College whipped Pearl River 34-13 Thursday at Dobie Holden Stadium in Poplarville.

The Warriors finished 3-3 in the South Division and 6-4 overall.

Pearl River, whose head coach Keith Daniels died of a heart attack on Oct. 2, closed out 1-5 in the division and 4-6 overall.

EC took a 7-0 first quarter lead as Spillman scored on a 14-yard end around after the Warriors converted a fourth-and-2 on the drive.

Spillman scored two more touchdowns in the second quarter as the Warriors [illegible]

The Warriors' third touchdown in the first half came on a 94-yard punt return by Spillman. Spillman also had an 81-yard punt return for a touchdown against Southwest the previous week.

EC's state-leading rushing offense, led by sophomore running back Terrance Wansley of Newton County, took over in the second half.

Wansley ran for 114 yards and scored two touchdowns. Wansley scored on a two-yard run in the third quarter as EC took a 28-0 lead and on a one-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Pearl River tallied on a one-yard run by Perry Tisdale with just under eight minutes remaining and on a 72-yard fumble return by Larry Thompson with [illegible]

Three members of the Class [illegible] state runner-up Lady Cougar [illegible]w-pitch softball team from [illegible]wton County High have been [illegible] senior right fielder Shanna Jones, and sophomore shortstop Kristin Chaney.

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East Central football players honored at annual banquet

A successful 2000 season for the East Central Community College football squad was capped by the presentation of various team and state honors at the annual awards banquet held Nov. 15 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors finished the season with a 6-4 overall record and were 3-3 in South Division competition.

EC led the state in rushing offense with 247 yards per game and placed second in total offense with a 361.2-yard average. In addition, the Warriors were ranked fifth in passing defense (131.5 yards per contest) and finished tenth in passing offense (114.2 yards per game).

Presenting awards were Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president; Terry Underwood, head football coach; and assistants Tim Coats, Fredrick Lyons, Todd Mangum, Steve Kelly and Tommy Clopton.

The Warrior staff was selected to coach the South squad in the annual juco All-Star football game scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Award recipients were linebacker Curt Blackburn, academic award, Newton County Academy; Quentin Bowens, most valuable defensive lineman (63 tackles, 16 assists), Brooks High School, Killen, Ala.; linebacker Levi Duncan, Warrior Award, Eustis, Fla.; running back Terrance Wansley, most valuable offensive back (775 yards on 118 carries; seven touchdowns); Randy Brunson, most valuable offensive lineman, Sebastopol; D'Angelo Lewis, Kemba Bryant Most Valuable Defensive Back (nine interceptions, six blocked kicks), Douglas Byrd High School, Fayetteville, N.C.; quarterback Mitchell McKinnon, permanent team co-captain, most valuable player (681 rushing yards, seven touchdowns; 1,142 passing yards, nine touchdown passes), Palatka, Fla.; and linebacker LaKendrick Houston, permanent team co-captain, Louisville.

Also recognized were recipients of post-season MACJC honors. McKinnon, Brunson and Bowens were named first team All-State and Wansley, Lewis, Houston and wide receiver/return specialist Dontay Spillman (711 yards on 41 receptions and 10 touchdowns; also scored on 94-yard punt return) of Louisville, Kent., were named to the second team.

Receiving honorable mention, All-State honors were offensive lineman Raphael Goodwin of Meridian, defensive lineman Jermaine Crosby of South Leake, offensive lineman Reggie Cistrunk of Louisville, offensive lineman Randy Brown of Tuscaloosa County, linebacker Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; tight end Clint Burkes of Scott Central, linebacker Curt Blackburn of Newton County Academy, defensive back Tommy Ford of Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa; defensive back Dexter Cole of Neshoba Central, defensive back Keaton Donald of Noxapater, defensive back Rashad Blaylock of Union, linebacker Anthony Thompson of Early County High School, Blakely, Ga.; wide receiver Darrius Thames of Philadelphia, linebacker John Bibb of Tuscaloosa Central, running back Chad Warren of Quitman and offensive lineman Jerry Spencer of North Moore High School, Eagle Springs, N.C.

Brunson, Brown, McKinnon, Wansley, Bowens, Houston and Lewis will represent East Central in the All-Star game.

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WEEK OF Dec. 4, 2000

ALL STATE, ALL STAR WARRIORS - Various post season honors were presented to these members of the East Central Community College football team following the 2000 campaign. Named to the first team, All-State squad are (seated from left) quarterback Mitchell McKinnon, Palatka, Florida; offensive lineman Randy Brunson, Sebastopol; and defensive lineman Quentin Bowens, Brooks High School, Killen Alabama. Selected second team, All state are, standing from left- defensive back D'Angelo Lewis, Douglas Byrd High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina; running back Terrance Wansley, Newton County High School; and linebacker LaKenrick Houston, Louisville. Not pictured is wide receiver Dontay Spillman of Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky, who was also named second team All-State. The above standouts along with offensive lineman Randy Brown of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, represented the college in the MACJC All-Star game on December 2nd at Booneville. The Warriors finished the season with a 6-4 overall record and were 3-3 in South Division competition.

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WEEK OF 12/4/10

ECCC staff leads South to 38-31 All-Star win

From Special Reports

East Central Community College's football coaching staff capped a successful season by guiding the South All-Stars to a 38-31 win over the North in the 27th Annual MACJC All-Star Classic held Saturday afternoon at Northeast Mississippi Community College's Keenum Stadium in Booneville.

Warrior head coach Terry Underwood said he and assistants Tim Coats, Steve Kelly and Todd Mangum had "a lot of fun" directing the talent-laden South, which included ECCC quarterback Mitchell McKinnon of Palatka, Fla.; offensive lineman Randy Brunson of Sebastopol; running back Terrance Wansely of Newton County; linebacker LaKendrick Houston of Louisville; offensive lineman Randy Brown of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School; defensive lineman Quentin Bowens of Brooks High School in Killen, Ala.; and defensive back D'Angelo Lewis of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Underwood said he was "very pleased" with the performance of the ECCC All-Stars. McKinnon threw for one touchdown pass and had about 30 yards rushing. Wansley compiled about 85 yards on the ground and Bowens recorded three quarterback sacks.

According to Northeast officials, this year's All-Star Classic was attended by approximately 225 coaches representing 82 colleges and eight professional teams.

East Central completed season action with a 6-4 overall mark and 3-3 South record. Assistants Fredrick Lyons and Tommy Clopton were unable to attend the game.

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WEEK OF Dec. 4, 2000

ECCC FOOTBALL TEAM AWARD WINNERS - above are East Central Community College Football players who were presented various team awards at the annual awards banquet held following the 2000 campaign. Seated from left are linebacker Curt Blackburn of Newton County Academy, Academic Award; quarterback Mitchell McKinnon of Palatka, Florida, most valuable player and permanent team co-captain (1142 passing yards, nine touchdown passes; 681 rushing yards, seven touchdowns); running back Terrance Wansley of Newton County High School, most valuable offensive back (775 yards on 118 carries; seven touchdowns); and defensive lineman Quentin Bowens of Brooks High School, Killen, Alabama, most valuable defensive lineman (63 tackles, 16 assists). Standing from left are linebacker Levi Duncan of Eustis, Florida, Warrior Award; D'Angelo Lewis of Douglas Byrd High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Kemba Bryant Most Valuable Defensive Back Award (nine interceptions; six blocked kicks); linebacker LaKendrick Houston of Louisville, permanent team co-captain; and offensive tackle Randy Brunson of Sebastopol, most valuable offensive lineman. The Warriors finished season action with a 6-4 overall record and were 3-3 in South Division competition.

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WEEK OF 12/11/10

All-State honors

These members of the East Central Community College football team received honorable mention All-State honors for the 2000 campaign and were recognized at the annual football awards banquet. Seated from left are linebacker Curt Blackburn, defensive lineman Jermaine Crosby, South Leake; defensive back Rashad Blaylock; and linebacker Levi Duncan. Standing from left are offensive lineman Jerry Spencer, offensive lineman Reggie Sistrunk, Defensive back Tommy Ford, and tight end Clint Burkes. Not pictured are Raphael Goodwin, offensive lineman Randy Brown, defensive back Dexter Cole, defensive back Keaton Donald, linebacker Anthony Thompson, wide receiver Darrius Thames, linebacker John Bibb, and running back Chad Warren. The Warriors finished season action with a 6-4 overall mark and were 3-3 in South Division competition.

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WEEK OF 12/18/00

ECCC managers honored

Managers for the East Central Community College football team received special recognition at the annual awards banquet held following the 2000 campaign. From left are, Damon Hudson of Philadelphia, Michael Thompson of Collins and Jareel Combest of Louisville. Hudson is also responsible for filming ECCC football games.

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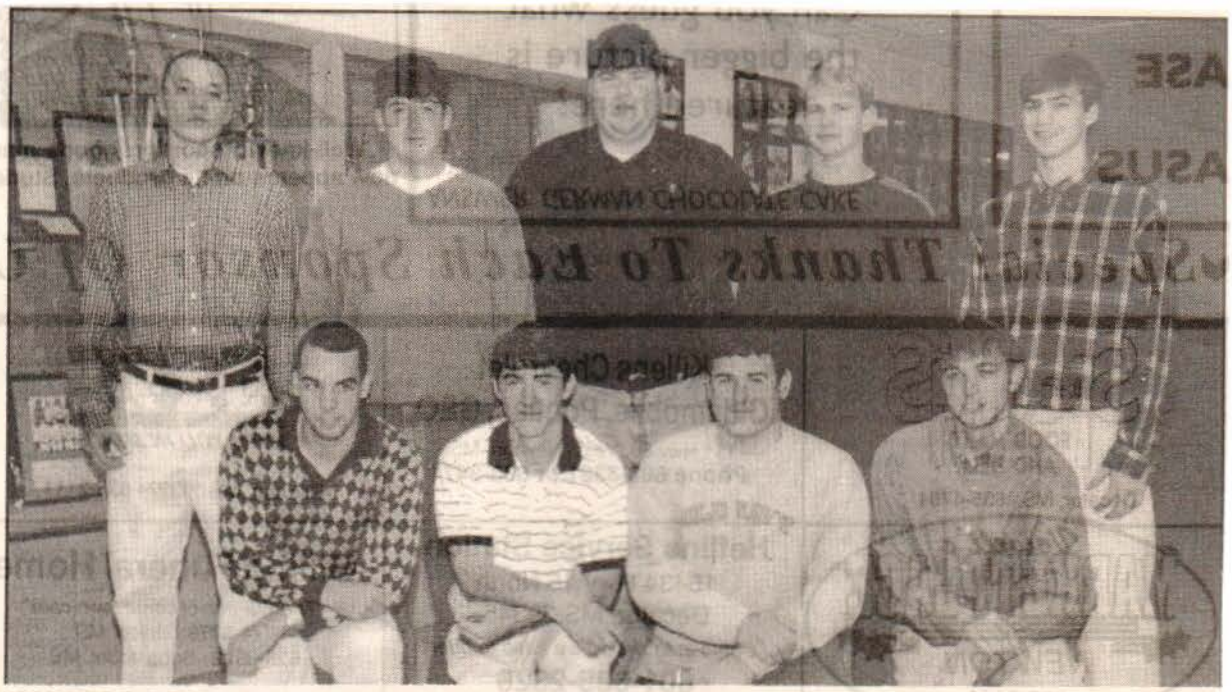

2000 ECCC GOLF TEAM - Members of the East Central Community College golf team for the 1999-2000 term are (front row, from left) Robbie Ford of Newton, Josh Burton of Decatur, Will Wade of Union and Jason Myers of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Arral Parkerson of Philadelphia, Stephen Dellaria of Decatur, Matt Snow of Louisville, Chris Amis of Decatur and Chris Webb of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Michael Johnson of Union, Ben Bourland of Louisville and Dustin McGee of Hickory. Joe Clark serves as coach. (EC Photo)

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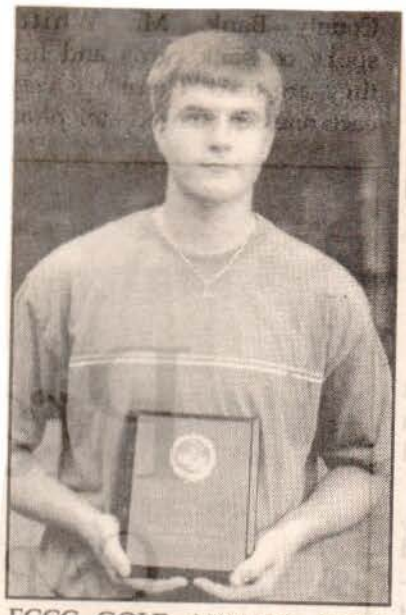

ECCC GOLF AWARD WINNER - East Central Community College golf team member Dustin McGee of Hickory received the most valuable player award following the Warriors' 2000 campaign. McGee is a graduate of Newton County High School. He was presented the honor by Coach Joe Clark at the annual Spring Sports Awards Cookout held at Turkey Creek Water Park. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-10-2000

EC women take two wins

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College went 2-0 in last week's action to up their season's showing to 11-5.

The Warriors went 1-1 and came into this week with a 7-9 mark.

• **EC women 90, Wallace State-Hanceville 83:** The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 41-30 halftime lead in taking Thursday's win over the Lady Lions from Hanceville, Ala.

EC, 10-5, got 20 points from Nicole Cox, 17 from Tonya Moncrief, 14 from Sasha Lilly, 10 from Margo Porter, nine from Anna Udicova, and eight apiece from Jautesha Crockett and Alberta Norman.

Paula Dill and Kim Brown both had 15 points for Wallace, 8-3.

• **EC men 75, Wallace State-Hanceville 72:** Lamond Bowie and Shawn Moss both scored 22 points to lead EC to Thursday's win over Wallace State-Hanceville.

EC trailed 40-31 at halftime.

The Warriors, 7-8, also got nine points from Joe Copeland, six each from Arral Parkerson and Matthew Roebuck, and four from Mile Batalo.

The Alabama team got 13 points from Carl Alexander and 10 from Nigel Hodges. The Lions fell to 7-3.

• **EC women 65, Miss. Delta 41:** The Lady Warriors had no problems stretching their record to 11-5 with Friday's win over the Lady Trojans.

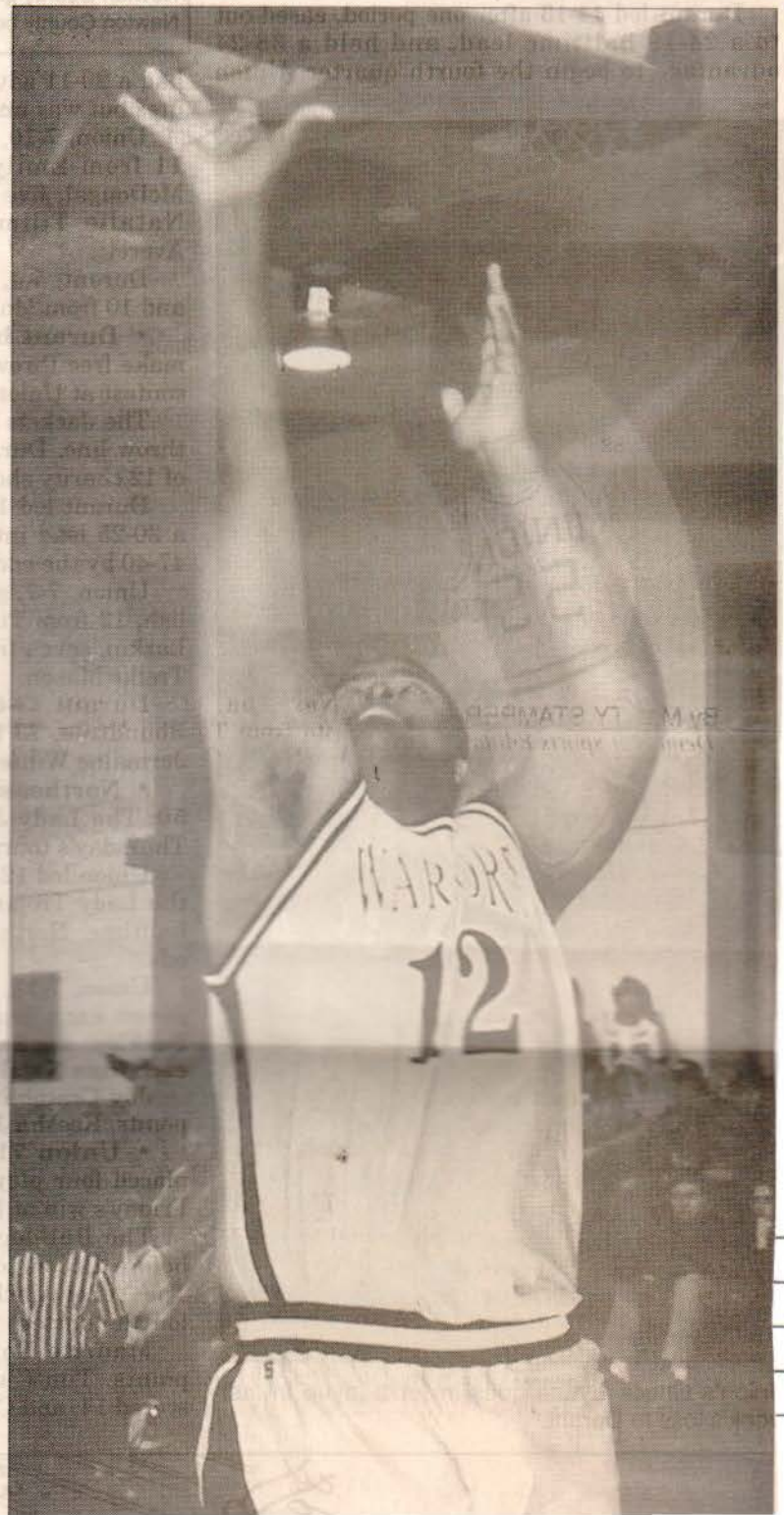
EC led 26-17 at halftime.

Nicole Cox led EC with 12 points. Sasha Lilly and Leah Fulcher both had nine, Tonya Moncrief scored eight, Jessica Sanders had seven, Jautesha Crockett had six, Becky Killen added five, and Alberta Norman had four.

Monica Bass led Delta with fell to 7-9.

Lamond Bowie led EC with 31 points. Chris Webb scored 14, Matthew Roebuck had 12, and Chad Clemons had 10. EC also got eight each from Shawn Moss and Mile Batalo, six from Arral Parkerson, and five each from Joe Copeland and Kent Chamblee.

Delta got 24 points from Fredie Williams, 17 each from Aaron Evans and Monta Crutcher, and 15 apiece from Ernie Ryans and Derrick Bush.



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ECCC Lady Warriors Beat Delta and Wallace State

The new year began on a successful note for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who defeated both opponents in the annual ECCC hosted tournament held January 6-7 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The East Central women cruised past Mississippi Delta 65-41 Friday night and posted a 90-83 win over Wallace State on Thursday. With the wins, EC improved to 11-5 overall and remained at 3-1 in South Division action.

Freshman Nicole Cox of Lake pumped in 12 points to lead the Lady Warriors against Delta. Other scorers were Leah Fulcher of winston Academy and Sasha Lilly of Shelby County (Ala.), nine each; tonya Moncrief of Newton, eight; Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, seven; Tesha Crockett of Philadelphia, six; Becky Killen of Sebastopol, five; Alberta Norman of Newton, four; Margo Porter of Louisville, three; and Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, two.

East Central led 26-17 at half-time.

Cox was also the leading scorer against Wallace State with 20 points. Also scoring were Moncrief, 17; Lilly, 14; Porter, 10; Udicova, nine; Crockett and Norman, eight each; and Fulcher and Killen, two each.

The Lady Warriors led 41-30 at the break.

In men's action, the Warriors lost a 107-104 overtime decision to Delta on Friday night and rallied for a 75-72 win over Wallace onThursday. After Friday's defeat, EC fell to 7-9 overall and remained 0-4 in division play.

Sophomore Lamond Bowie of Morton was the leading scorer against Delta with 31 points. Other pointmakers were Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, 14; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, 12; Chad Clemons of Philadelphia, 10; Milo Batalo of Belgrade, Yugoslavia and Shawn Moss of Lynchburg, Virginia, eight each; Arral Parkerson of Neshoba Central, seven; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas, and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, five each; and Otha Lay and Kellis Greer of Neshoba Central, two each.

The game was tied 99-99 at the end of regulation. EC led 49-42 at intermission.

In the win over Wallace State, Batalo sank two free throws with 11.6 seconds remaining, which gave EC its winning margin at 75-72. The visitors missed on a three-point attempt as time expired.

The Warriors, who trailed throughout most of the game, took the lead for good late in the contest when Bowie converted a rare five-point play. The Morton High School product was fouled during a successful three-point shot, then hit both free throws. He later added another free throw and Batalo's pair at the line completed the rally.

Bowie and Moss had 22 points each to lead the Warriors, who trailed 41-30 at the break. Also scoring were Copeland, nine; Roebuck and Parkerson, six each; and Clemons, Greer, Chamblee and Batalo, two each.

Games this week: EC hosts Co-Lin Jan. 10 and travel to Hinds Thursday.

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WEEK OF 1-17-2000

EC slips past Hinds 62-61

Neshoba Central product Arral Parkerson sank two free throws with 11 seconds remaining to give East Central Community College a 62-61 win over Hinds Community College Thursday night on the Utica campus.

The Warriors, 8-10 overall and 1-5 in South division action, were led in scoring by Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas, who pumped in 11 points. Also scoring were Shawn Moss of Lynchburg, Virginia, 10; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, nine; Parkerson, eight; Kellis Greer of Neshoba Central, seven; Lamond Bowie of Morton, six; Chad Clemons of Philadelphia, five; and Chris Webb of Neshoba Central and Mile Batalo of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, three each.

East Central led 32-30 at halftime.

In women's action the Lady Warriors were also victorious, as they cruised to a 75-60 win and improved to 12-6 and 4-2.

Tesha Crocket of Philadelphia led EC in scoring with 16 points. Other point makers were Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, 12; Nicole Cox of Lake, 11; Margo Porter of Louisville and Tonya Moncrief of Newton, 10 each; Leah Fulcher of Winston County Academy and Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, seven each; and Sasha Lilly of Shelby County (Ala.), two.

Hinds led 36-32 at the break.

In games played Monday, January 10, the Warriors and Lady Warriors fell to visiting Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The Warriors, who dropped and 87-82 decision , were led by Bowie with 25 points. Also scoring were Parkerson, 19; Webb, 12; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Moss and Batalo, six each; Copeland, four; and Clemons, Greer, and Roebuck, two each.

EC led 38-35 at halftime.

Scorers for the EC women, who fell 65-60, were Cox, 17; Lilly, 16; Crockett and Udicova, eight each; Moncrief, five; Porter, four; and Sanders, two.

The Lady Wolves led 34-30 at halftime.

No games are scheduled Monday, January 17 in observance of the Dr, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Action resumes Thursday, January 20 when the Warriors and Lady Warriors host Pearl River Community College. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. (women) and 7:45 p.m.(men).

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WEEK OF 1-24-02

East Central splits South Division contests

Arral Parkerson sank two free throws with 11 seconds remaining to give the East Central Warriors a 62-61 win over Hinds Thursday night in Utica.

The Warriors, 8-10 overall and 1-5 in South Division action, were led by Joe Copeland's 11 points.

In women's action, the Lady Warriors also prevailed, 75-60 over Hinds. The Lady Warriors are 12-6 overall and 4-2 in the division.

Tesha Crockett led EC with 16 points, while Jessica Sanders of Edinburg scored a season-high seven points.

In a pair of Jan. 10 games, the Warriors and Lady Warriors fell to visiting Co-Lin.

The East Central men, who dropped an 87-82 decision, were led by Lamond Bowie's 25 points. Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy finished with six.

Cox led the Lady Warriors with 17 points in their 65-60 loss and Sanders finished with two.

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WEEK OF 1-24-2000

ECCC whips Pearl River

By **Amy Hedrick Robertson**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — It may not have been pretty, but when a win puts your team in a three-way tie for first looks don't count for much.

With a 68-49 win over the Pearl River Community College Lady Wildcats Thursday night the East Central Community College Lady Warriors are now in a tie with Copiah Lincoln Community College and Jones Junior College for the top conference spot. The Lady Warriors are now 5-2 in the conference, while Pearl River drops to 3-4. Overall the Lady Warriors are 13-6. Pearl River is 6-10.

"I didn't think we played that well," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said. "If you win, that's what counts. This keeps us in the thick of things."

The Lady Warriors dominated the first half of play, jumping out to a 32-21 lead at the half, despite a somewhat lackluster offensive output.

"We got off to a good start and then started making mistakes," Pace said. "We worked hard, but offensively we're too predictable. I thought our defense was pretty dang good, though. Any time you can hold a team to 49 points you're playing pretty good defense."

The Lady Warriors Nicole Cox had the hot hand, opening up the game with a three pointer within the first 30 seconds of the game. Cox led the team with 19 points. Five minutes later Cox hit another three-pointer to give ECCC a 14-2 lead with 14:20 in the first half.

The Lady Warriors would get their biggest lead of the half when freshman Leah Fulcher hit a short jumper with 5 minutes left in the first period, making the score 30-12.

In the second half the Lady Warriors reeled off six unanswered points in the first minute of play and forced Pearl River to commit four turnovers within the same time frame.

And as Pearl River continued to sputter offensively, the Lady Warriors broke into a good transition game turning several defensive rebounds by Newton's Tonya Moncrief into points on the other end of the floor. Moncrief also scored 14 points in the game

Continuing to pressure the Lady Wildcats on defense the Lady Warriors took advantage of every opportunity keeping PRCC at bay with a 20 point lead throughout much of the final period.

Nicole Hearns was the only offensive spark for the Lady Wildcats in the second half, scoring 8 of her team leading 1[illegible] points.

Freshman Sasha Lilly was the third ECCC player in double figures with 1[illegible] points.

While his team has obviously improved since their six point loss to Pearl River earlier in the season, Pace said he is looking for more. With only one sophomore on the 11 member team, Pace said the team needs to mature.

"We're going to have to mature in the next few weeks," Pace said.

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WEEK OF 1-31-00

Lady Warriors Beat Gulf Coast; Warriors fall in overtime

Four Lady Warriors scored in double figures to lead East Central Community College to a 73-66 victory over Gulf Coast Monday night (January 24) on the Perkinston campus. With the win, the EC women improved to 14-6 overall and 6-2 in South Division action.

Scorers were Margo Porter of Louisville, 17; Sasha Lilly of Shelby County, Ala., 16; Tesha Crockett of Philadelphia, 13; Anna Udicova of Presolv, Slovokia, 11; Tonya Moncrief of Newton, seven; Nicole Cox of Lake, five; and Becky Killen of Sebastopol, four.

Gulf Coast led 31-27 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 81-78 in overtime, and saw their record ti to 8-12 and 1-7.

EC point makers were Shawn Moss of Alleghany, Virginia, 18; Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, 15; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, 14; Lamond Bowie of Morton, 12; Mile Batalo of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, eight; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas, five; Arral Parkerson of Neshoba Central, four; and Chad Clemons of Philadelphia, two.

East Central led 40-34 at halftime. The score was tied 70-70 at the end of regulation.

East Central's games scheduled Thursday, January 27 with Jones County Junior College were canceled due to inclement weather conditions. Remaining regular season games for the Warriors and Lady Warriors include road contests with Southwest (January 31) and Co-Lin (February 3) and the season finale with visiting Hinds on Monday, February 7. Tip-off times are 6 p.m. (women) and 7:45 p.m. (men).

Following regular season action, both squads will set their sights on south Division Tournament competition, which gets underway February 14 on the Utica campus of Hinds Community College. Finals are scheduled Thursday, February 17.

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WEEK OF 1-31-00

EC Lady Warriors beat GC 73 - 66

Four Lady Warriors were in double figures as East Central defeated Gulf Coast Community College 73-66. The Lady Warriors are now 14-6 overall and 6-2 in South Division play.

Margo Porter led the scoring effort with 17 while Sasha Lilly added 16. Tesha Crockett netted 13 while Anna Udicova added 11. other scorers were Tonya Moncrief, seven, Nicole Cox, five, and Becky Killen, four. Gulf Coast led 31-27 at halftime.

The Warriors lost 81-78 in overtime to see their record slide to 8-12 and 1-7. East Central led 40-34 at the half.

Shawn Moss led the Warrior effort with 18; Chris Webb had 15; Matthew Roderick posted 14; and Lamond Bowie netted 12. Other scorers were Mile Batalo, eight; Joe Copeland, five; Arral Parkerson, four and Chad Clemons, two.

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WEEK OF 2-7-00

ECCC men take 93-85 win over Jones

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors took a pair of big steps toward winning the South Division championship with wins at Southwest and Copiah-Lincoln last week.

A 35-point homecourt loss to Jones on Saturday kept EC from wrapping up the title.

EC's women entered this week with a 16-7 mark and were 8-3 in the South Division.

The Warriors had a 1-2 week that included Saturday's upset of Jones to improve to 9-14 overall and 2-9 in the division.

• **EC women 71, Southwest 56:** The Lady Warriors closed out January with the 15-point win at Summit on Jan. 31.

EC led 29-22 at halftime in improving to 15-6.

EC got 18 points from Nicole Cox, 14 from Margo Porter, 11 from Sasha Lilly, 10 from Tonya Moncrief, eight from Anna Udicova, and four from Stephanie Harber.

Southwest, 14-8, was led by Erica Rogers' 12 points.

• **Southwest men 77, EC 72:** EC fell behind 35-26 in the first half of the Jan. 31 loss at Summit.

EC, 8-13, got 16 points from Matthew Roebuck, 15 from Lamond Bowie, 12 from Shawn Moss, eight from Mile Batalo, seven from Joe Copeland, and six from Chris Webb.

Southwest, 10-13, got 17 points from Robert Greer and 13 from Sedric Travis.

• **EC women 67, Copiah-Lincoln 56:** The Lady Warriors came away with a rare win at Wesson on Thursday.

EC led 33-29 at halftime.

Nicole Cox led EC, 16-6, with 23 points. Tonya Moncrief scored 18, Anna Udicova had eight, Sasha Lilly added six, and Margo Porter had five.

Co-Lin, 18-4, got 15 points from Ann Webster and 13 from Victoria Mason.

• **Copiah-Lincoln men 64, EC 53:** An 18-point first half cost the Warriors in Thursday's loss at Wesson. Co-Lin led 25-18 at the break.

EC, 8-14, got 14 points from Shawn Moss, 10 from Chris Webb, eight from Matthew Roebuck, seven from Lamond Bowie, and four from Joe Copeland.

Co-Lin improved to 18-4.

• **Jones women 103, EC 68:** The Lady Warriors were never in Saturday's contest at Decatur as Jones jumped out to a 52-31 halftime lead and never let up.

EC, 16-7 overall and 8-3 in the South Division, got 13 points each from Leah Fulcher and Stephanie Harber, 10 from Becky Killen, eight each from Nicole Cox and Sasha Lilly, seven from Jautesha Crockett, and six from Margo Porter.

Jones, 19-4 and 6-4, got 23 points from Erika Slayton, 17 from Yvonne Phillips, 16 from Cara Lewis, and 15 from Scharbra Cherry.

• **EC men 93, Jones 85:** The Warriors snapped a four-game losing streak with Saturday afternoon's win in Decatur.

EC led 46-43 at halftime.

Shawn Moss led the Warriors with 21 points. Chad Clem tossed in 17, Chris Webb Arral Parkerson both had Lamond Bowie scored 11, Copeland had five, and Ke Greer, Mile Batalo, and Matth Roebuck each had four.

Jones got 27 points fr Stacey Keyes who hit seven pointers. Derrick White had points, LeCederick Pettway 13, and Brad Richardson ad 12.

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

East Cent. teams open 2nd seasor

The "second season" began this week for the state's community and junior college basketball season as division tournaments tip-off at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville (North Division) and on the Utica campus of Hinds Community College (South Division).

Both EC squads closed out regular season action by hosting Hinds Community College on Monday, Feb. 7.

The Lady Warriors, led by Tonya Moncrief who blistered the backboards for 30 points, cruised to an 85-67 win and improved to 17-7 overall and 9-3 in division play.

Other point makers were Nicole Cox and Margo Porter, 11 each; Tesha Crockett, 10; Becky Killen of Sebastopol, seven; Anna Udicova, six; Leah Fulcher, five; Alberta Norman, four; and Stephanie Harber, one.

EC led 36-22 at halftime.

In the men's contest, East Central fell 80-75 and dropped to 9-15 and 2-10.

Warrior scorers were Shawn Moss, 23; Matthew Roebuck, 18; Joe Copeland, nine; Lamond Bowie and Chris Webb, eight each; Chad Clemons, five; and Mile Batalo, three.

Hinds led 42-31 at break.

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Game stories for the tour ment will appear in next we paper.

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WEEK OF 3-14-00

ECCC Lady Warriors in title game

By **Jeff Christian**
The Meridian Star

UTICA — The East Central Community College men and women's basketball teams headed in different directions Wednesday — the men headed home, while the women moved into tonight's championship game of the MACJC South Division Tournament, being played at Hinds Community College.

The women edged Jones County Junior College 78-76, while the men dropped a 94-90 decision in overtime.

Tonight, the women will face either Gulf Coast Community College or Copiah Lincoln. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

Whether the Lady Warriors win tonight, or not, they have qualified for next week's state tournament.

• **ECCC 78, Jones County Junior College 76 (women)**: With just over three seconds left in Wednesday afternoon's game, Jones County trailed ECCC 76-74.

After JCJC hit two free throws to tie the game, ECCC's Nicole Cox took the in-bounds pass and drove the length of the court to score with .9 seconds left to give the Lady Warriors the two-point victory.

"When (JCJC) made the two free throws, I told our players to get out of the way," said ECCC head coach Sammy Pace.

"We had who we wanted with the ball and the worst thing that could happen would be for us to go into overtime.

"But Nicole took the ball and drove the length of the court and scored the winning basket for us."

The score was tied at halftime, 37-37.

Cox finished with 17 points.

The Lady Warriors were led in scoring by Margo Porter with 23 points. Shasha Lilly added 14 points and Tonya Moncrief with 10.

"I am most pleased with the fact that the game went back-and-forth and when Jones would get the momentum on its side, our girls would respond," Pace said.

"They did that about 10 times during the game and we'd fight back. That proves that we have quite a group of girls, who are winner's and have a great attitude. It was quite an accomplishment."

Erika Slayton paced JCJC in scoring with 23 points.

ECCC improves to 18-7, while the Lady Bobcats dropped to 21-6.

• **Pearl River 94, ECCC 90, OT (men)**: At the end of regulation, ECCC found itself tied with Pearl River 76-76.

In the overtime period, the Warriors were outscored 18-14.

ECCC led by 10 points with six minutes left in the game.

But Pearl River caught fire and caught the Warriors.

Pearl River led 46-45 at halftime.

Shawn Moss led ECCC in scoring with 22 points, followed by Chris Webb with 17, Lamond Bowie with 15, Joe Copeland with 12 and Mile Batalo with 10.

Lamayn Wilson led all scorers with 29 points for Pearl River.

ECCC finishes the season at 11-16.

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

EC women take South championship

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College sewed up the top seed in this week's South Division Tournament at Hinds-Utica with a win over Hinds last week.

The 17-7 Lady Warriors will take on the Jones-Southwest winner Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The Warriors, 10-15, opened the tournament with Gulf Coast on Monday. That winner will face the Pearl River-Southwest winner Wednesday at 4 p.m.

• **EC women 85, Hinds 67:** The Lady Warriors wrapped up the South Division regular season championship and a berth in the Region 23 Tournament with the easy win at Decatur on Feb. 7.

Tonya Moncrief led EC, 17-7, with 30 points. Nicole Cox and Margo Porter both scored 11, Jautesha Crockett had 10, Becky Killen added seven, Anna Udicova scored six, Leah Fulcher had five, and Alberta Norman scored four.

Hinds, 8-13, got 21 points from Frankie Harden, 15 from Jessica Brown, and 13 from Menitta Miller.

EC led 36-22 at halftime.

• **Hinds men 80, EC 75:** EC fell to 9-15 with the Feb. 7 loss to Hinds in Decatur.

Hinds led 42-31 at halftime.

EC got 23 points from Shawn Moss, 18 from Matthew Roebuck, nine from Joe Copeland, eight each from Lamond Bowie and Chris Webb, and five from Chad Clemons.

Hinds, 10-11, got 23 points from Kendell Noel and 12 each from Luther Jackson and Marwin Laws.

• **EC men 68, Miss. College JV 55:** The Warriors improved to 10-15 with Thursday afternoon's win at Clinton.

EC got 20 points from Shawn Moss, 16 from Mile Batalo, nine from Chris Webb, and six from Joe Copeland.

The Warriors led 30-24 at halftime.

South Division Tournament
at Hinds-Utica

Wednesday
2:00 – East Central women vs. Jones-Southwest winner
4:00 – East Central-Gulf Coast men winner vs. Pearl River-Southwest winner
6:00 – Gulf Coast-Pearl River women winner vs. Co-Lin-Hinds winner
8:00 – Co-Lin men vs. Hinds-Jones winner

Thursday
6:00 – women's championship
8:00 – men's championship

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

Lady Warriors fall to GCCC

❑ EC men stymie Maravich, upset 2nd seed in South

After trailing throughout most of the contest, East Central's Lady Warriors rallied for a slim lead and appeared destined to win the South Division Tournament title Thursday night.

But Gulf Coast standout Felicia Hayes' short jumper tied the game at 85 as time expired and sent the game into overtime where the Lady Bulldogs pulled away for a 101-91 victory.

The Lady Warriors (18-8) traveled to Booneville Monday for the state tournament at Northeast Community College.

East Central has also qualified for the Region 23 Tournament scheduled for next week at Mississippi College.

Sasha Lilly led the Lady Warriors Thursday with 26 points, while Nicole Cox added 24 and Becky Killen of Sebastopol finished with 13.

Hayes finished with 30.

East Central entered the tournament as the number-one seed and advanced to the final with a 78-76 win over Jones. Cox hit a layup with .9 seconds remaining.

Margo Porter led the Lady Warriors with 23 points, while Cox added 17; Lilly, 14; and Tonya Moncrief finished with 10.

The score was deadlocked at 37 at the break.

Erika Slayton led Jones with 23 points.

The East Central men were eliminated from post-season action with a 94-90 loss to Pearl River in a semifinal game, Feb. 16.

Shawn Moss led the 11-16 Warriors with 22 points, while Chris Webb added 17 and Mile Batalo finished with 10.

Lamayn Wilson led Pearl River with 29 points.

The Warriros reached the semifinal contest by upsetting Gulf Coast and heralded scorer Jaeson Maravich, Feb. 14, 87-68.

Moss led East Central with 30 points, while Webb added 12, and Batalo finished with 10.

Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy added three points.

Maravich finished with 19 points to lead Gulf Coast.

Monday, the East Central Lady Warriors won their first-round contest against host Northeast, 87-68.

Cox led all scorers with 20 points, while Lilly and Moncrief each added 18 and Killen finished with 10 points.

East Central again played Gulf Coast in the State finals Tuesday night.

The Lady Warriors open Region 23 action Monday at Mississippi College. Brackets are yet to be set.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

EC women advance to state, region tourneys

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College finished second in last week's South Division Tournament at Utica, losing to Gulf Coast in overtime in the finals.

The Lady Warriors advanced to this week's state tournament at Booneville where they defeated North Division champion Northeast 87-68 Monday night.

That pitted the Lady Warriors taking on Gulf Coast, a 92-83 semifinal winner over Northwest, for the state title Tuesday night.

The Lady Warriors, 19-8, are also assured of a berth in the Region 23 Tournament next week at Mississippi College. Other women's teams assured of berths in the regional are Gulf Coast (23-6), Northeast (18-8), Northwest (18-7), Meridian (21-4), Itawamba (17-7), Jones (21-6), and Copiah-Lincoln.

The EC Warriors went 1-1 in the South Division Tournament, shocking No. 2 seed Gulf Coast before losing in overtime to Pearl River to finish with an 11-16 mark.

• **EC men 87, Gulf Coast 68:** For the second time in three years the Warriors came in as a No. 7 seed and knocked off a No. 2 seed Gulf Coast squad.

EC jumped out to a 41-25 halftime lead in improving to 11-15.

EC got 30 points from Shawn Moss, 12 from Chris Webb, 10 from Mile Batalo, eight from Arral Parkerson, and six each from Chad Clemons, Joe Copeland, and Matthew Roebuck.

Gulf Coast, 17-7, got 20 points from Andriy Sukhotin and 19 from Jeason Maravich.

• **EC women 78, Jones 76:** Nicole Cox made a driving layup with 0.9 seconds remaining to give the Lady Warriors the semifinal win on Wednesday.

The contest was knotted at 37-37 at halftime.

EC, 18-7, got 23 points from Margo Porter, 17 from Cox, 14 from Sasha Lilly, 10 from Tonya Moncrief, and four each from Becky Killen and Jautesha Crockett.

Erika Slayton led Jones, 21-6, with 23 points.

• **Pearl River men 94, EC 90 (OT):** Pearl River outscored EC 18-14 in overtime to take Wednesday's semifinal.

EC led by 10 with six minutes remaining but was unable to hold off the Wildcats.

Shawn Moss led EC, 11-16, with 22 points. Chris Webb scored 17, Lamond Bowie had 15, Joe Copeland tossed in 12, Mile Batalo had 10, Arral Parkerson scored eight, and Matthew Roebuck had six.

Lamayn Wilson led Pearl River, 16-8, with 29 points.

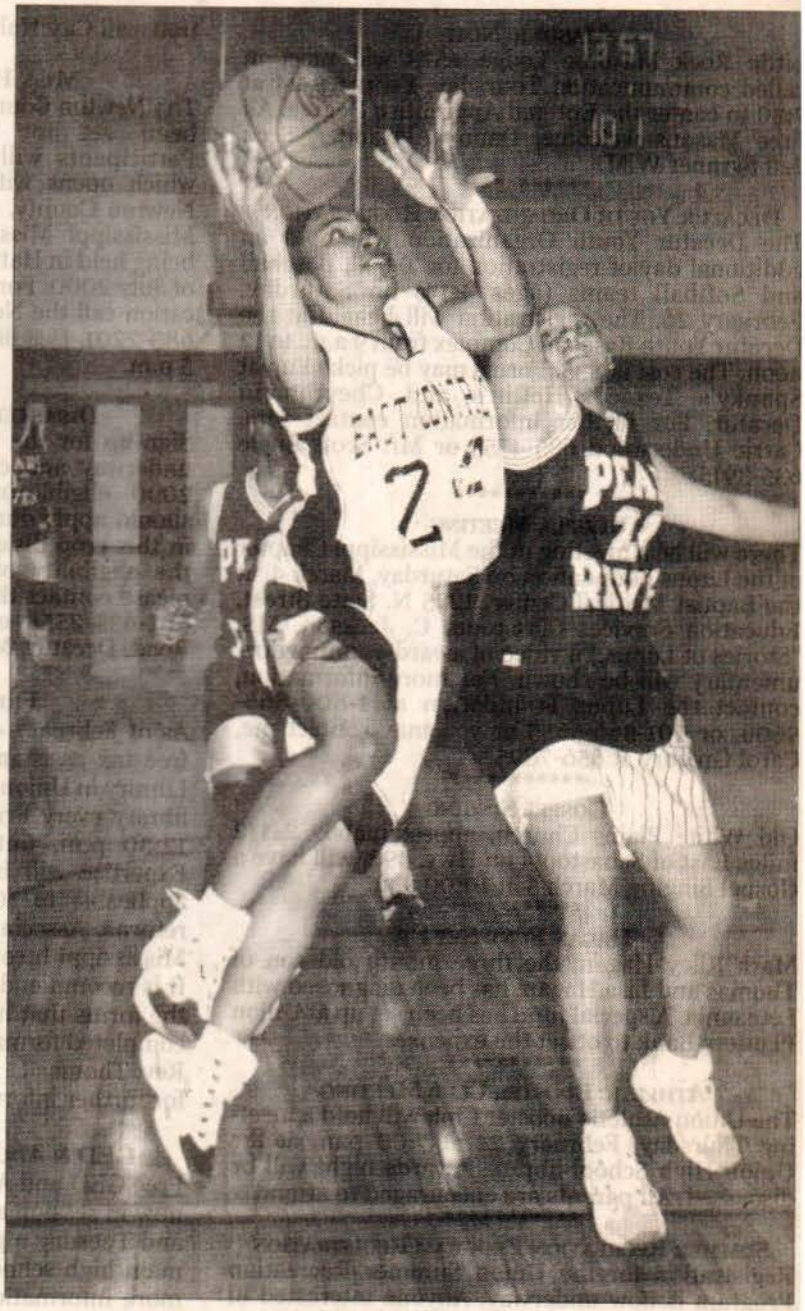
Pearl River led 46-45 at halftime.

• **Gulf Coast women 101, EC 91 (OT):** Felicia Hayes' basket at the end of regulation brought Gulf Coast to an 85-85 tie and then the Lady Bulldogs had a 16-6 advantage in overtime to take Thursday's championship win over EC.

EC, 18-8, got 26 points from Sasha Lilly, 24 from Nicole Cox, 13 from Becky Killen, 10 each from Anna Udicova and Tonya Moncrief, six from Stephanie Harber, and four from Jautesha Crockett.

Hayes led Gulf Coast, 22-6, with 30 points. Felicia Gray had 27.

Gulf Coast led 45-39 at halftime.



A driving layup by Nicole Cox with 0.9 seconds remaining sent the East Central Lady Warriors past Jones 78-76 in last week's South Division semifinal. EC routed Northeast 87-68 Monday night and faced Gulf Coast Tuesday night for the state championship. The Lady Warriors will be participating in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College next week.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

ECCC Warriors

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors fell 101-91 in overtime to Gulf Coast in the South Division tournament on Thursday. Now they enter the state tournament at Boonville Feb. 21-22. They qualified for the Region 23 Tournament which will be played next week at Miss. College. Brackets will be announced later this week.

In the EC-Gulf Coast matchup, Lady warriors scorers were: Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala - 26; Nicole Cox of Lake - 24; Becky Killen of Sebastopol - 13; Anna Udicova of Slovokoa, and Tonya Moncrief of Newton - 10 each; Stephanie Harber of Forest - 6; and Tesha Crockett of Philadelphia - 4.

In post season play the EC Warriors were eliminated from further post-season play by losing a heart-breaking 94-90 overtime decision to Pearl River.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

ECCC moves into state final; MCC women blast Shelby

JUCO BASKETBALL

From Staff Reports

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors moved into tonight's championship game of the MACJC state tournament being played at Northeast Mississippi Community College with an 87-68 victory over Northeast Monday night in Booneville.

ECCC will tangle with Gulf Coast Community College tonight at 6 for all the marbles.

Last Thursday night, ECCC lost to Gulf Coast 101-91 in overtime in the MACJC South Division Tournament held in Utica.

ECCC led 85-83 before Gulf Coast's Felicia Hayes hit a jumper as the buzzer sounded to tie the score 85-85 and send the game into overtime.

Gulf Coast is now 23-6, while ECCC enters tonight's battle at 19-8.

Monday night, Nicole Cox paced the Lady Warriors with 20 points, followed by Sasha Lilly with 18 points, Tonya Moncrief with 18 points and Becky Killen with 10 points.

For Northeast, Tamica Pierce and Kamiya Thorne each scored 13 points.

With the loss, Northeast drops to 18-8 on the year.

• **MCC Lady Eagles 82, Shelby State 74:** The Meridian Community College Lady Eagles traveled to Memphis Monday evening and defeated Shelby State by eight points, improving to 21-4 on the season.

MCC returns to action Friday at home to close out the regular season against Wallace-Hanceville. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m.

Monday night, MCC led 40-30 at halftime.

Shalonda Evans paced the Lady Eagles with 25 points, followed by Catesha Riley with 18 points, Tammy Bullock added 15 points and Teasha McFarland 12 points.

• **MCC men:** The Meridian Community College men will hit the road this week for a pair of very important Miss-Lou Conference games.

The men will visit Southern-Shreveport today, followed by a game Wednesday at Bossier Parish.

The Eagles play their regular season finale Friday against Wallace-Hanceville after the women's game.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

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ECCC women fall short in state final, 71-64

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors lost 71-64 Tuesday night to Gulf Coast Community College in the finals of the MACJC State Tournament in Booneville.

It's the second time in less than a week that Gulf Coast has defeated the Lady Warriors, who led 32-31 at halftime Tuesday.

Nicole Cox paced ECCC with 17 points, followed by Margo Porter with 10 and Tonya Moncrief with 10.

Felicia Hayes netted 20 points for Gulf Coast, with Shanel Handy scoring 19.

Gulf Coast improved to 24-6, while ECCC dropped to 19-9.

Both teams will participate in the Region 23 Tournament, which begins next week.

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WEEK OF 8-28-00

EC finishes second in state tournament

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

For the second week in a row, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College finished second in tournament play to Gulf Coast.

The Lady Warriors opened the MACJC state tournament at Booneville with an 87-68 win over Northeast before losing 71-64 to Gulf Coast in the championship game.

The Lady Warriors participated in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton this week, losing to Itawamba in an upset on Monday to finish their year with a 19-10 mark.

• **EC women 87, Northeast 68:** The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 52-37 halftime lead in slamming the Lady Tigers on their home court on Feb. 21.

EC, 19-8, got 20 points from Nicole Cox, 18 apiece from Sasha Lilly and Tony Moncrief, 10 from Becky Killen, nine from Margo Porter, and eight from Anna Udicova.

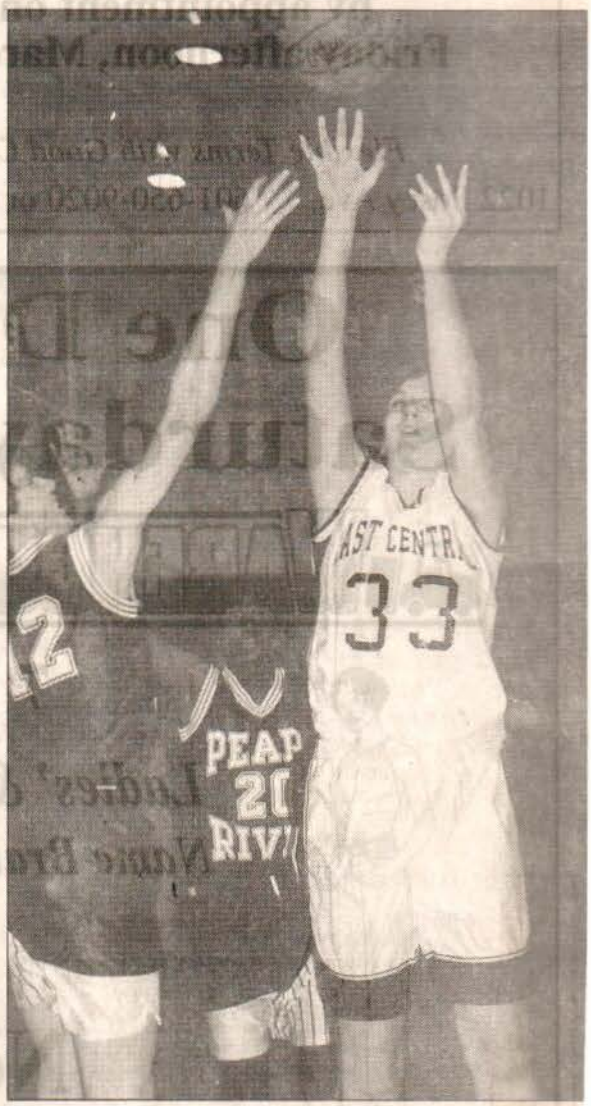
Northeast got 13 points apiece from Tamica Pierce and Kamiya Thorne as the Lady Tigers fell to 18-8.

• **Gulf Coast women 71, EC 64:** The Lady Warriors lost to Gulf Coast in the Feb. 22 state championship game.

EC led 32-31 at halftime.

Nicole Cox led EC, 19-9, with 17 points while Margo Porter and Tonya Moncrief both had 10. Becky Killen and Anna Udicova both scored nine and Sasha Lilly had seven.

Felicia Hayes led Gulf Coast with 20 points. Shanel Handy scored 19 and Felicia Gray had 11 for the Lady Bulldogs as they improved to 24-6.



East Central's Anna Udicova (33) shoots during an early season win over Pearl River.

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

ECCC Lady Warriors Fall to Itawamba Region 23

East Central Community College's quest for another Region 23 Tournament title came to an end Monday afternoon as the Lady Warriors dropped an 80-74 decision to Itawamba in first-round action of the annual tourney held at MC, Clinton.

EC, 19-10 season under veteran coach Sammy Pace, held a 41-37 advantage at the break and led throughout most of the second half until the Lady Indians (19-8) staged a late rally for win. Ironically, the Itawamba women were coached by men's head mentor, Marty Cooper, who previously led the Warrior basketball program. Cooper took over duties from Coach Carrie Ball who sustained a knee injury over the weekend.

The Lady Warriors were led in scoring by Tonya Moncrief of Newton who had 26 points. Also scoring were Nicole Cox of Lake, 13; Tesha Crockett of Philadelphia, 10; Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala., nine Margo Porter of Louisville, 8.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

ECCC Lady Warriors Fall To Gulf Coast in State Finals

The Lady Bulldogs of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College continued their post-season dominance of the East Central Community College women by claiming a 71-64 win Tuesday night in the finals of the MACJC State Tournament hosted by Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Gulf Coast (24-6), which lost both regular season contests to the Lady Warriors (19-9) earlier rallied for a 101-91 overtime victory over EC in the finals of the South Division Tournament held on the Utica campus of Hinds Community College.

Nicole Cox of Lake scored 17 points and led East Central in the state championship matchup. Other scorers were Margo Porter of Louisville and Tonya Moncrief of Newton, 10 each; Becky Killen of Sebastopol and Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, nine each; Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Alabama, seven; and Tesha Crockett of Philadelphia, two.

Felicia Hayes of Gulfport had 20 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

East Central held a 32-31 advantage at half-time.

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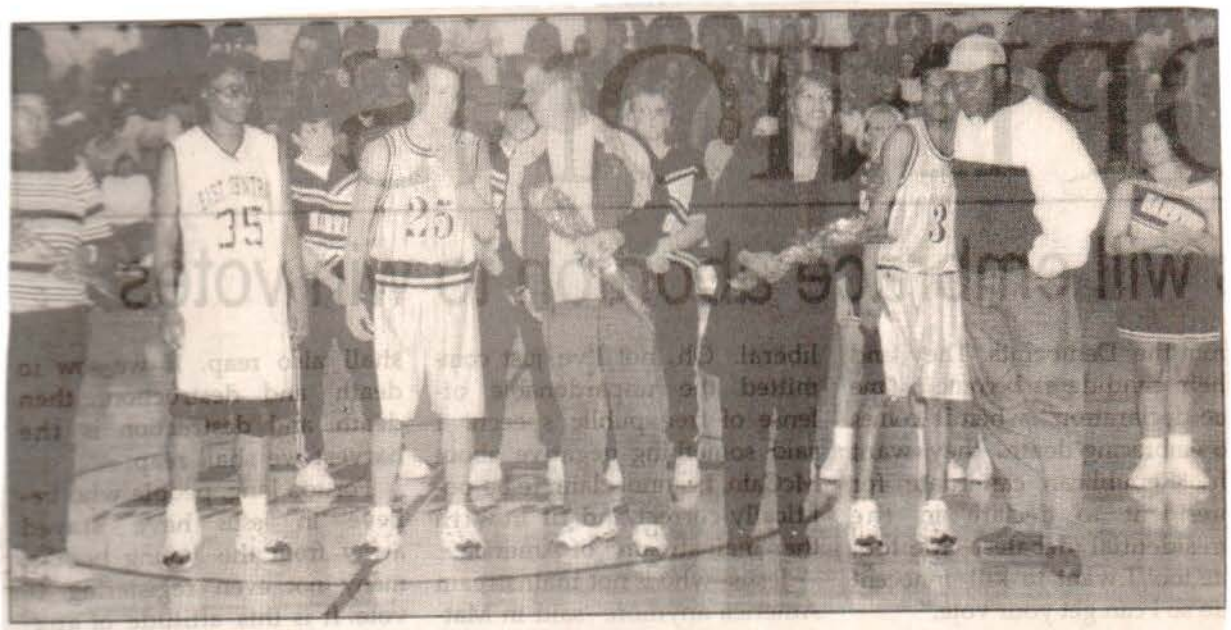

ECCC SOPHOMORE PLAYERS RECOGNIZED - Sophomore basketball players at East Central Community College in Decatur received special recognition during the final home games of the season held February 7 against Hinds community College inteh Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The standout athletes, shown with their parents, are (fromleft) Tonya Moncrief (35) of Newton, Arral Parkerson (25) of Neshoba Central and Lamond Bowie (3) of Morton. (EC Photo)

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ECCC ousted in first round

By **Austin Bishop**
The Meridian Star

George Clark/The Meridian Star

SURROUNDED — East Central Community College's Tonya Moncrief (35) comes down with a rebound and is swarmed by Itawamba's Portia Jones (30) and Letesha Seals (24)

CLINTON — The frustration was easily detectable on Sammy Pace's face.

The veteran head women's coach of East Central Community College was fuming as he leaned against the wall in the hall outside his team's locker room for a good 10 minutes after the Lady Warriors first-round loss in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College on Monday.

ECCC led 70-58 with 6:14 to play and had the game in hand, only to see Itawamba Community College score 22 of the game's final 26 points to pull the mild upset and advance to Wednesday's semifinals.

"We didn't play to win the game," Pace said. "We didn't act like we were interested in winning the game from the time we got here. If you are in a situation like this a team ought to want to play."

Pace had called time out with his team leading 57-56 with just over 10 minutes to play and his

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Lady Warriors seemed to respond, building the 70-58 lead, only to see it dwindle away.

"Then we just totally quit," he said. "We just didn't do what we had to do to win the game."

Itawamba was being coached by Marty Cooper, the former men's head basketball coach at East Central. Cooper, the men's coach at ICC, was pressed into duty when the women's coach injured her knee while trying to show her girls that she could jump up and touch the backboard.

"We just never quit and responded when we needed to," Cooper said. "I told them the game wasn't over and to just keep playing hard and something good might happen."

It did.

ECCC began making turnovers and taking ill-advised shots and it seemed like the Lady Indians took advantage of every Lady Warrior miscue.

Stacy North got the hot hand for ICC, nailing three of her four three-pointers in the game during the Lady Indians stretch

The win pushes Itawamba, 19-8 overall, into a 1 p.m. semifinal game on Wednesday against defending Region 23 Champ Meridian. MCC earned its spot in the game by defeating Northeast Mississippi Community College 87-67.

Monday's game between ECCC and ICC was a game of scoring streaks, with Itawamba coming up with the biggest one in the last six minutes of the game.

East Central rode center Tonya Moncrief — who led the Lady Warriors with 26 points — to a 19-8 lead, only to see the Lady Indians score the next 11 points to tie the game at 19-19 with 6:43 left in the first half.

ECCC then went on an 11-point run of its own over the next two minutes to go up 30-19, only to have ICC cut it to 32-29. The Lady Warriors stretched that back out to 39-30, before Itawamba was able to cut it to 41-37 at the half.

Nicole Cox had 13 points and Tesha Crockett 10 for East Central, which ended the season at 19-10. Only one of the 11 players on the ECCC roster is a sophomore.

Ball scored 23 to pace the winners, while North had 21

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WEEK OF 3-6-2000

EC women lose in first round at region

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors saw their basketball season end on Feb. 28 with a 70-64 loss to Itawamba in the first round of the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College.

The Lady Warriors blew a 70-58 lead over the final 6:14 to finish with a 19-10 record.

Tonya Moncrief led EC with 26 points. Nicole Cox scored 13, Jautesha Crockett had 10, Sasha Lilly added nine, Margo Porter had eight, and Anna Udicova scored six.

Itawamba, which was led by former EC men's basketball coach Marty Cooper, improved to 19-8.

Cooper was filling in for ICC women's coach Carrie Ball who was out due to a knee injury suffered prior to the tournament.

EC led 41-37 at halftime.

Itawamba got 23 points from Keela Ball, 21 from Stacy North, and 11 from Joni Nichols.

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run across some bigger players on the NCAA Division I level.

"They can take and build on what we've done with her," said ECCC head coach Sammy Pace. "I think she will continue to develop, because potentially, she has only scratched the surface."

She said she learned a lot playing on the junior college level.

"It was tougher than I thought it was, I'll tell you that," Moncrief said.

Pace said that Moncrief has had the potential to be a top-flight player since high school.

"What I saw in high school was a person with a great shooting touch from maybe 15 feet in, and she demonstrated that here," Pace said. "Some games here she hit 70 and 80 percent from the floor.

"I saw a person who was willing to work, who was interested in learning, who had great jumping ability and could run the floor and really didn't get tired," he said.

"She will just do anything you ask her to do," Pace said.

Moncrief said other schools contacted her, but she decided to go ahead and sign early.

"I liked coach (Tim) Eatman," Moncrief said. "I heard he was a pretty good guy. I wanted to go ahead and commit to a coach who could help me reach my goals."

Moncrief, who averaged 11 points and 12.1 rebounds a game for the Lady Warriors this past season, says she's not worried at all about being homesick.

"I'm excited," she said.

"I'll be far away from home, but I like challenges."

ECCC standout enjoys new stage

By **Austin Bishop**
The Meridian Star

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

READY TO GO — Tonya Moncrief, of ECCC, will play in tonight's MACJC All-Star Game at Choctaw Central.

DECATUR — Tonya Moncrief says she has always been interested in experiencing new things. Thanks to her basketball potential, she will be able to do that.

The East Central Community College sophomore, who was a prep basketball standout at Newton High School, signed early to play for the University of Illinois-Chicago.

"I thought it would be good for me to get out and experience more, to see different faces and meet new people," Moncrief said. "It was somewhere I had never been."

While her college future doesn't rest on how she does in tonight's 23rd Annual MACJC Women's All-Star Basketball Game at Philadelphia's Choctaw Central High School, she says she still wants to do well.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun, to pay with some of the best players in the state," she said.

Moncrief said she has been looking forward to playing college basketball for quite some time, but really didn't have any certain school or level of program in mind.

"As long as I can play ball," Moncrief said. "I'm blessed to be able to play, and I'm thankful."

The 5-foot-10 post player will

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WEEK OF 4-3-00

Tonight's game fits Parkerson

By **Austin Bishop**
The Meridian Star

Tonight's game preview, 3D

DECATUR — East Central Community College's Arral Parkerson is the type of player that tonight's 23rd Annual MACJC Men's All-Star Game was made for.

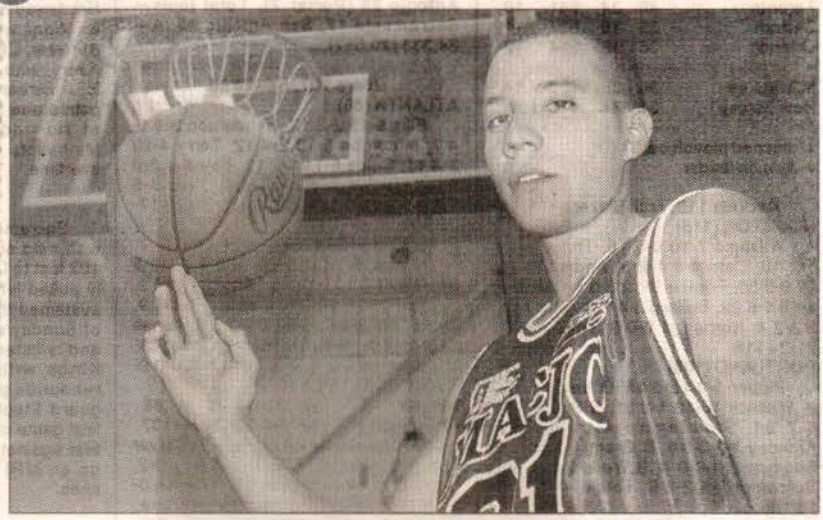
He is a man in search of a team and is hoping to impress some of the 75-plus coaches expected to be in attendance at the game to be played at Philadelphia's Choctaw Central High School tonight at 8 p.m.

"I think it's important for me just because you get to play against competition that is a lot better, I think it's going to help me a lot," he said. "There will be a lot of coaches there, too."

Parkerson is looking for his third team to play for in three years, but he has no regrets in transferring from Meridian Community College to East Central Community College after the first semester of his freshman year.

The 6-foot-2 shooting guard says he realizes that he has yet to reach his potential.

"I feel like I have a long way to go, I could get a lot better," Parkerson said. "I guess everybody feels that way."



Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

READY TO ROLL — East Central Community College's Arral Parkerson hopes to impress in tonight's all-star game.

He said he chose to play junior college ball in order to work on his weaknesses.

"For one thing I was thin, and I've gotten a lot bigger," he said. "My feet are quicker now and I can run a lot faster than I could before I got here."

"I think Arral, when he left Meridian and came over here after a difficult situation, he really, really played well for us," said ECCC head coach Jay Bowen.

He said Parkerson was more of a spot shooter when he first going the ECCC squad, but has learned to score on the move as a well.

"Offense is his game and he is a pure shooter," Bowen said. "But, he has improved his offensive game, and has also improved as a defender as well."

Parkerson signed with Meridian the day Bowen landed the head job at East Central Community College.

When he decided to transfer

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WEEK OF 4-3-2000

EC represented in MACJC All-Star games

Team rosters have been announced for the 23rd annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Basketball Games, which are scheduled Thursday April 6. This year's event will be held at the Choctaw Central High School in Philadelphia. Tip-off for the women's game is set for 6 p.m. with men's action to follow at 8 p.m. Admission is $4.

Members of the North Division men's team are George Arnold and Damien Perkins, both of Holmes; Eric Batchelor and Guy Gardner, both of Northeast; Monta Crutcher and Ernie Ryans, both of Mississippi Delta; Timonthy Henderson, Coahoma; Walter Jackson, Itawamba; James Lewis and Thomas Reed, both of East Mississippi; and Jamar McKnight and Eliot Smith, both of Northwest.

Mike Greer of Mississippi Delta will serve as head coach.

North Division women All-stars are Monica Bass and Mandy Hills, both of Mississippi Delta; Ramona Craig, Coahoma; Tamika Davis East Mississippi; Jill Goolsby and Kamiya Thorne of Northeast; Melissa Jones and Portia Jones, both of Itawamba; April Martin, Allison Shaw and Danada Smith, all of Northwest and Erickal Saulsberry, Holmes.

Burnadette McDonald of Mississippi Delta will serve as head coach.

All-stars on the South men's squad are Lamond Bowie of Morton and Arral Parkerson, both of East Central; Neal Broome, and Lamina Wilson, both of Pearl River; Elwood Brown and curtis Walker, both of Copiah-Lincoln; Stacey Keyes and Brad Richardson, both of Jones; C.J. McBride, Gulf Coast; Kendell Noel and daltron Wilson, both of hinds; and Zebton Wells, southwest.

Robert McInnis and Sam Jones of Jones County Junior College will serve as coaches.

South women All-stars are Frankie Harden and Menittia, both of Hinds; Feliaia Hayes, Gulf Coast; Diandra Hosey, Cara Lewis and Erika Slayton, all of Jones;Victoria Mason, Chastidy Sandfer and Ann Webster, all of Copiah-Lincoln; Tonya Moncrief, East Central; LaKita Robertson, Pearl River; and Misty Stevens, Southwest.

Coaches are Sandra Sumrall and Natasha Satcher of Jones.

Priior to the All-Star matchups, a free coaches clinic will be held at the Silver Star Resort and casino. Sharon Fanning, head women's basketball coach at Mississippi State University, will speak at the 3 p.m. session. Featured speaker at the 4 p.m. session will br Tevester Anderson, who leads the men's basketball program at Murray State University. A golf outing is also scheduled earlier in the day at the dancing Rabbit course.

For the thired straight year, the All-Star games are being sponsored by the Mississippi Band of Chocta Indians, Silver Star Resort and casino and east Central Community College in Decatur. Coporate sponsors are Mississippi Sports Medicine and Pepsi Cola.

For more information contact Coach Sammy Pace, athletic director/head women's basketball coach, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 246 or 310.

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

ECCC plans legal seminar April 20

A free seminar addressing two topics: Legal Concerns of Small Businesses, and Estate Planning (Ways to Cut Taxes/Increase Income) will be held Thursday, April 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Attorney Steve Stubblefield of Jackson will lead the seminar, which is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Gold Room at Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. A reception with heavy hor d'oeuvres is planned from 5 to 5:30 p.m.

The seminar is sponsored by the East Central Community College Small Business Development Center, in cooperation with the College's Foundation and Alumni Association.

For more information call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323, 327 or 297.

Hatch inks with EC to continue b'ball

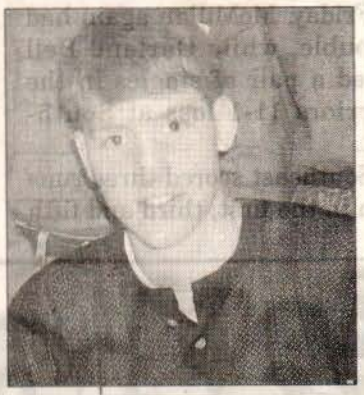
Tuesday, Carthage High School's Clint Hatch signed with East Central Community College's Jay Bowen with the intent of continuing his basketball career.

Hatch, who averaged 16 points and seven rebounds his senior season, is the son of Ricky and Linda Hatch of Carthage.

East Central men's coach Jay Bowen said, "We're very excited about getting Clint in our program."

Hatch was a 6' 5" post player for Carthage, but would likely occupy a forward spot for Bowen.

"Clint's a very good person who I think's best basketball is in front of him," Bowen added.



Name: Clint Hatch
School: Carthage
Sport: Basketball
Signed: East Central
Comment: "Clint's a very good person who I think's best basketball is in front of him."
- Jay Bowen, EC men's coach

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

Murray to play for East Central

Leroy Murray has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining Murray at the signing are, (seated, from left)Sylvia Murray and SCHS boy's coach Mickey Bounds, and standing(from left)SCHS principal Dr. Leroy Callahan and ECCC men's basketball coach Jay Bowen

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WEEK OF 4-10-00

Ashley Brown inks with ECCC

Ashley Brown has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining Brown at the signing are, (seated, from left)Marlon and Pamela Brown. And standing(from left)SCHS principal Dr. Leroy Callahan, ECCC women's basketball coach Sammy Pace and SCHS girl's coach Chad Harrison.

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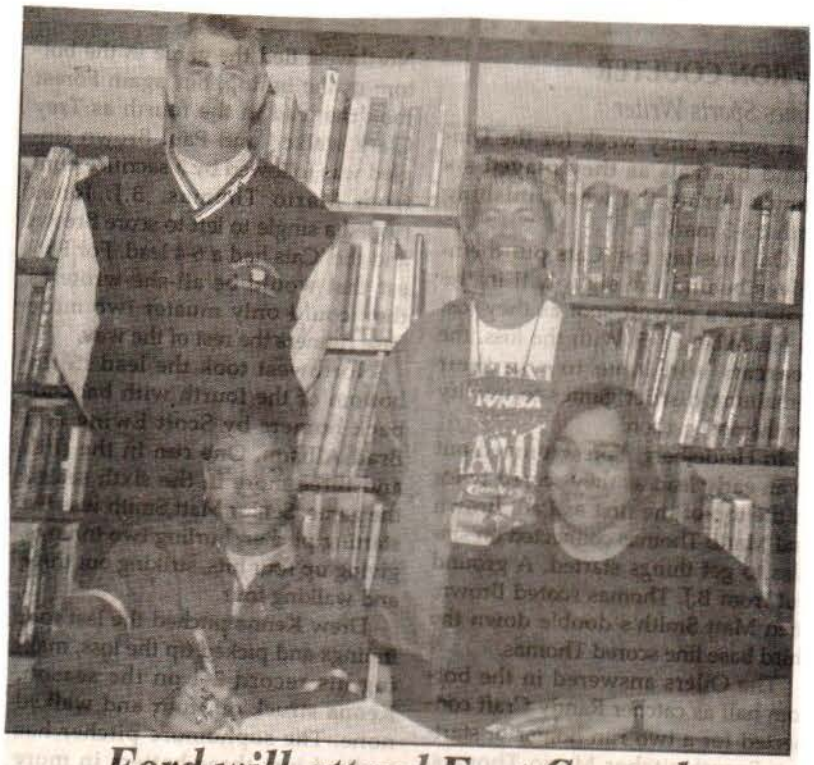

Ford will attend East Central

LaShonda Ford of Forest has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for East Central Community College. Joining Ford at the signing ceremony is Carolyn Ford Nettles(seated, right) and standing (from left) EC women's coach Sammy Pace and FHS girls coach Gina Skelton.

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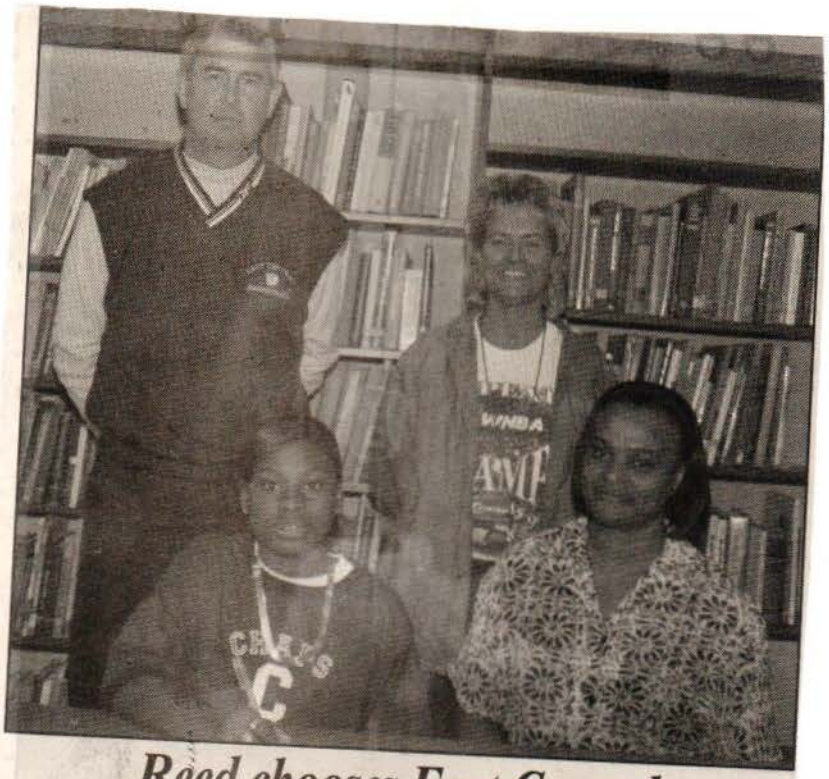

Reed chooses East Central

Sophia Reed of Forest has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for East Central Community College. Joining Reed at the signing ceremony is Hulen Reed Adkins(seated, right) and standing (from left) EC women's coach Sammy Pace and FHS girls coach Gina Skelton.

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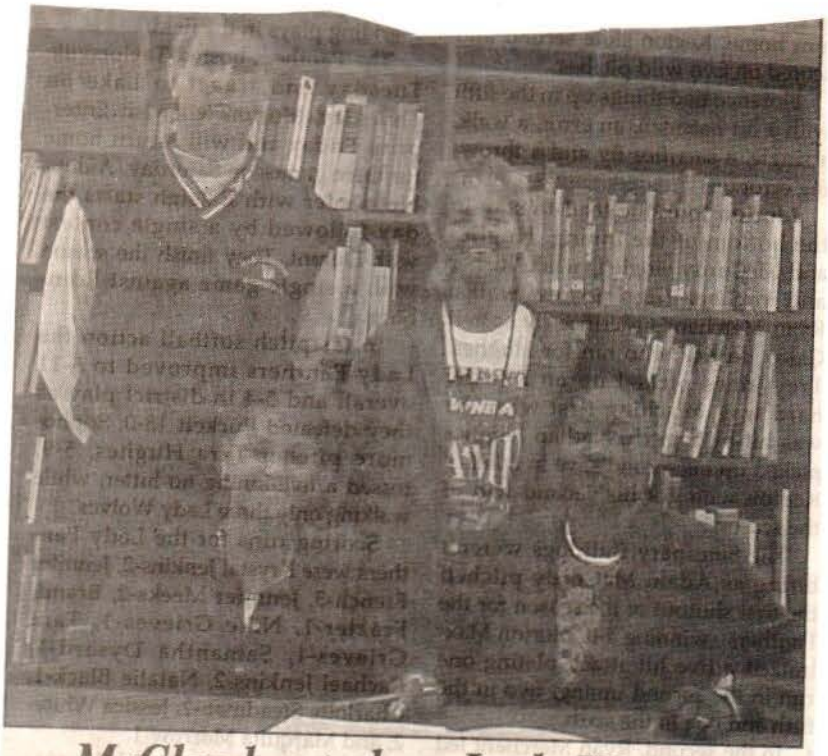

McClendon to be a Lady Warrior

Pandasala McClendon of Forest has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at East Central Community College. Joining McClendon at the signing ceremony are Daphne McClendon(seated, right) and standing(from left) EC women's coach Sammy Pace and FHS girl's coach Gina Skelton.

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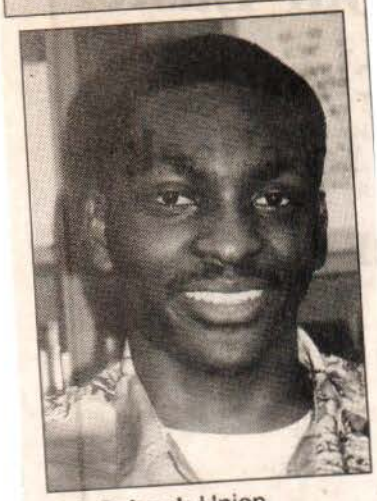
Maurice English



High School: Union
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard/forward
Stats: 18 ppg, 6 reb., 3 assists, 2 steals
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-1A, Most Improved
Parents: Elaine English and Aundre Wilson

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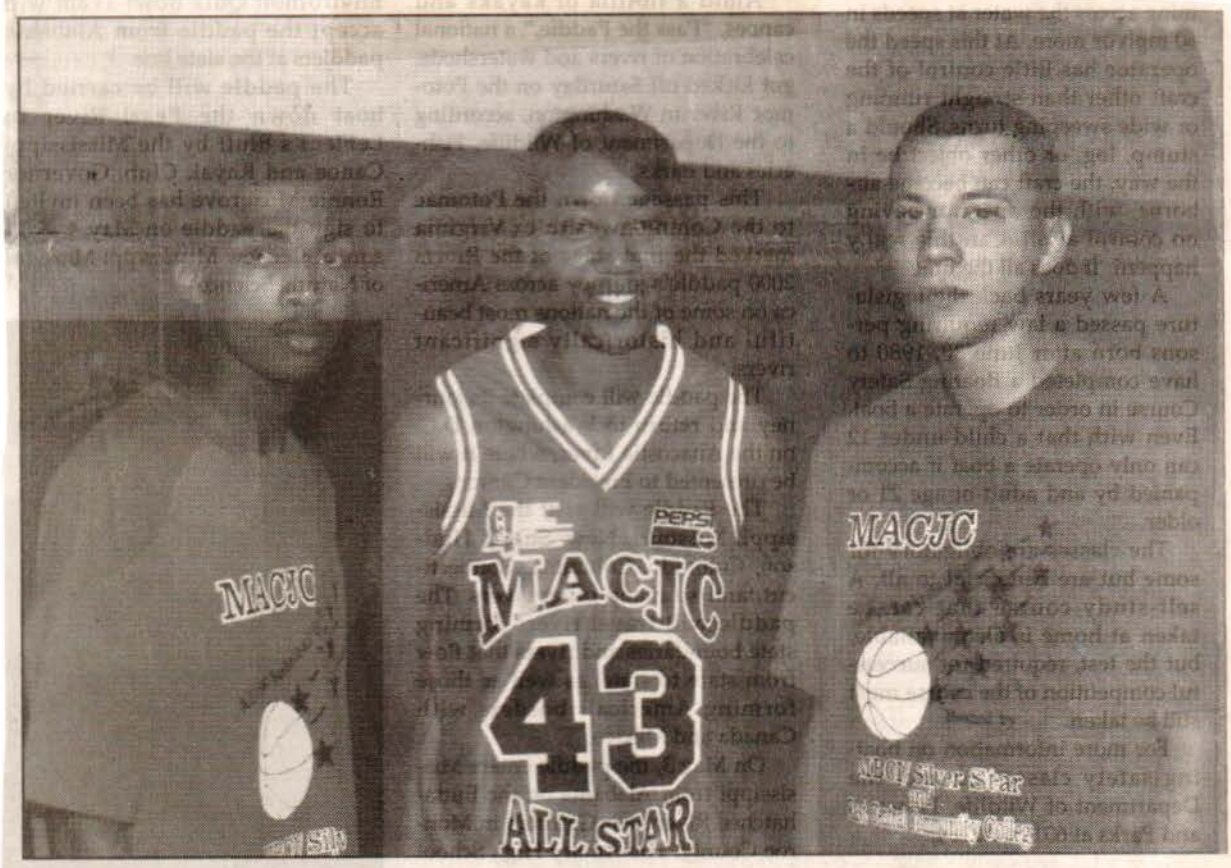

ECCC trio plays in MACJC Tournament

These standout basketball players from East Central Community College participated in the MACJC All-Star Basketball Games held April 6 at choctaw Central high School. From left are Lamond Bowie of Morton, Tonya Moncrief of Newton and Arral parkerson of Neshoba Central. Bowie scored eight points and parkerson added three in the South men's 107-97 loss to the North All-Stars, while Moncrief tallied four points in helping lead the South women to an 80-45 victory. The annual All-Star competition is hosted by the Mississippi band of Choctaw Indians, Silver Star Casino and Resort, and East Central Community College in decatur. Sponsors are Pepsi and Mississippi Sports Medicine.(EC Photo)

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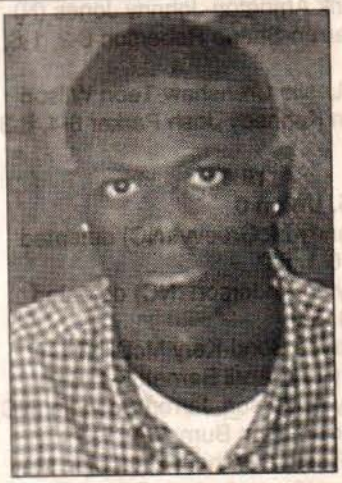
Kenny Spencer



High School: Philadelphia
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward
Stats: 15 ppg, 7 reb., 5 assists, 2 steals
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A two years, Most Improved, Best Offensive Player
Parents: Mary Shannon

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WEEK OF 4-17-00

English inks with EC

Maurice English (6-3, 165) of Union signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at East Central Community College. English averaged 18.4 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals for the Yellowjackets as a senior. Others inking with EC are Victor Temple of Newton County, Kenny Spencer of Philadelphia, Winfred Craig of Louisville, Clint Hatch of Carthage, and Leroy Murray of Scott Central. Lady Warrior signees are Pandashala McClendon, Sophia Reed, and LaShanda Ford of Class 3A state runner-up Forest, Ashley Brown of Class 1A state champion Scott Central, and Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater.

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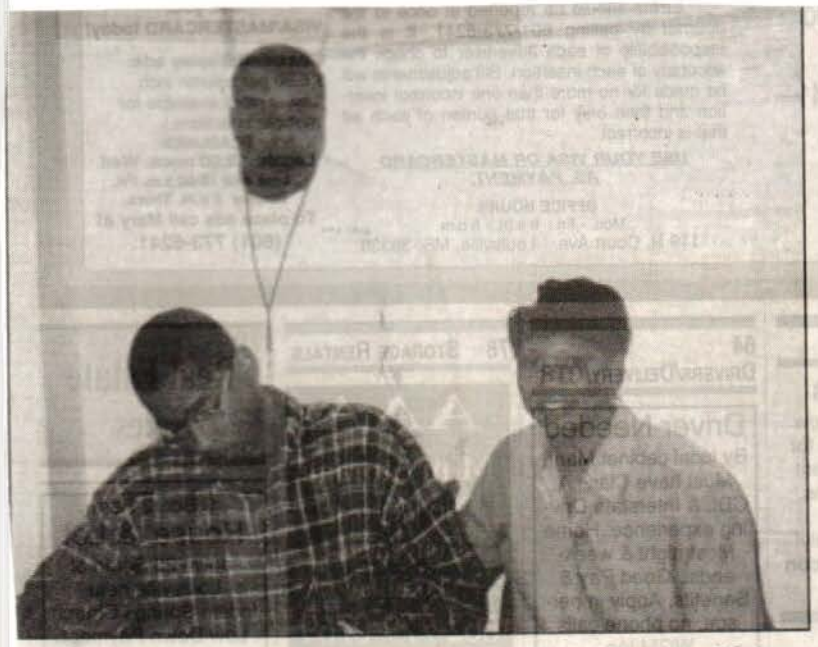

Winfred Craig, a student at Louisville High School, signs a basketball scholarship to play at ECCC in the upcoming school year. Watching Craig sign the scholarship are his mother, Victoria Craig, Coach Ollie Young and Coach Jay Bowen of ECCC.

Trelisha Eichelberger of Noxapater High School is shown signing a basketball scholarship with ECCC. Shown left to right are her father, Shirley Eichelberger, mother, Evelyn Eichelberger, Coach Sammy Pace of ECCC and Coach Jason Gentry of Noxapater.

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WEEK OF 4-24-00

Temple inks with EC

Victor Temple, seated, of Newton County High School has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at East Central Community College. With Temple are, standing from left, EC coach Jay Bowen, NCHS coach Johnny Ray Slaughter, and Paulette Harris, Temple's aunt.

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

ECCC announces signees

By Austin Bishop / The Meridian Star
April 19, 2000

Email this story.

DECATUR - East Central Community College men's basketball coach Jay Bowen says he is happy with the way recruiting for the 2000-2001 season has gone thus far.

"We are pleased with our recruiting class," said Bowen, whose Warriors went 11-16 on the hardwood last year. "It has ended up on a very successful note."

Bowen is still hot on the recruiting trail hoping to round out his team for the upcoming year.

ECCC has already signed six for the men's team and five for the women's with others to come.

"We feel like we have signed two good point guards and two good wing players," Bowen said. "We have gotten more athletic and have gotten a lot deeper at each position and that was what we were looking to do."

He said Victor Temple of Newton County and Leroy Murray Jr., of Scott Central would be looked at to provide immediate help running the point, while Maurice English of Union and Winfred Craig of Louisville were going to be counted on to score from the wing.

Bowen said that 6-foot-5 Clint Hatch of Carthage and 6-2 Kenneth Spencer of Philadelphia should be able to provide some help on the post.

Temple averaged 28 points, four rebounds, four steals and four assists a game for NCHS, while being named the district MVP for two years.

Murray has been selected All-Scott County for three years and all-district for four years, while English hit for 18 points a game and pulled down six boards a contest for UHS.

Spencer scored 15 points and pulled down seven rebounds a game as a senior, while Craig averaged 18 points and Hatch hit for 16.

Three of the five women's signees are inside players.

The Lady Warriors, coached by Sammy Pace, had only one sophomore on last year's squad, that being Tonya Moncrief, one of the best post players in the state. She signed to play for Illinois-Chicago next season.

Looking to help plug the void she is leaving will be 6-foot Ashley Brown of Scott Central, 5-8 LaShanda Ford of Forest and 5-9 Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater.

Pace signed a pair of Forest High School products to help shore up his guard play. Signing with ECCC were 5-5 Sophia Reed and 5-4 Pandashala

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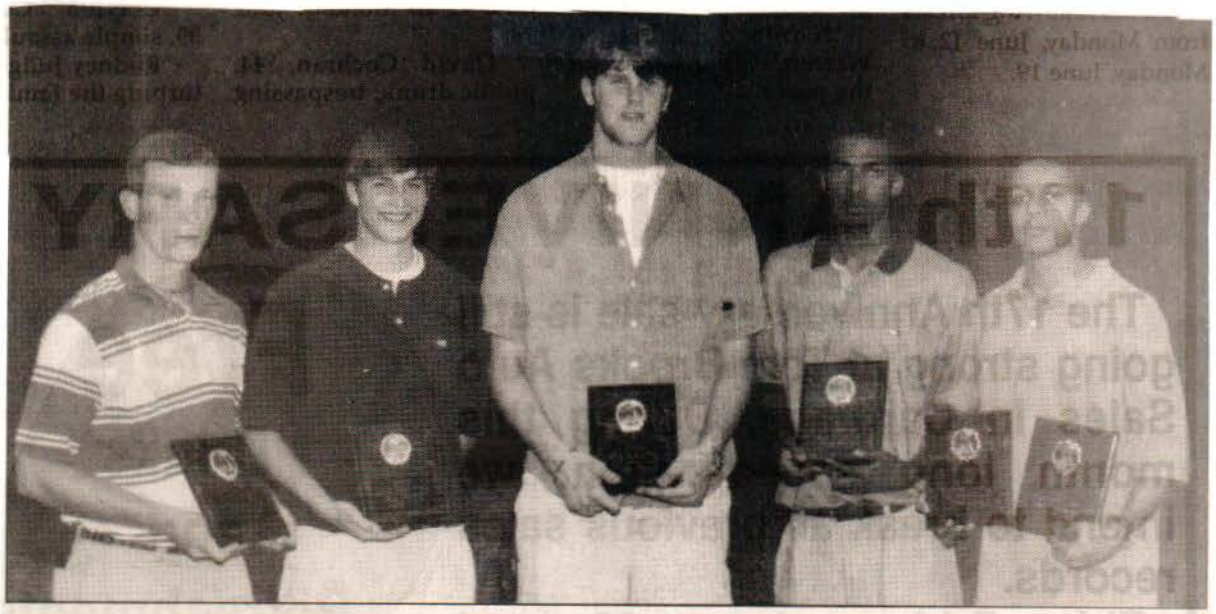

Members of the 1999-2000 East Central Community College men's basketball team who received various honors are, from left, Kent Chamblee (Warrior Award), Chris Webb (Best Shooter), Matthew Roebuck (Best Rebounder), Lamond Bowie (Best Offensive Player, honorable mention all-state, all-star, and Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award), and Joe Copeland (Best Defensive Player and Newcomer of the Year). Not pictured is Arral Parkerson (all-star). The Warriors finished the season with an 11-16 record.

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These members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team received various honors following the Lady Warriors' 1999-2000 campaign. Award winners include (from left) Sasha Lilly (Best Defensive Player), Anna Udicova (Lady Warrior Award), Tonya Moncrief of Newton (Best Rebounder, Best Offensive Player, team captain, and first team all-state), and Nicole Cox (Newcomer of the Year and second team all-state). The Lady Warriors completed season action with a 19-10 record and were runners-up in the South Division and state tournaments.

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

2000-2001 East Central Lady Warrior basketball team

Members of the 2000-2001 East Central Community College women's basketball team include (seated, from left) Cassandra Jennings of Lake, Jessica Sanders of Edinburg, Bernice Hannah of Louisville, Pandasala McClendon and Sophia Reed, both of Forest, Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, La'Shonda Ford of Forest, Margo Porter of Louisville, and Nicole Cox of Lake; and (standing from left) student assistants Tiffany Chancellor of Enterprise and Danelle Hudson of Noxapater, Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches Central (Louisiana), Alberta Norman of Newton, Sasha Lilly of Shelby County (Alabama), Johnita Conrad of Choctaw Central, Anna Udicova of Presov (Slovokia), Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, and student assistants LeAnn Pittman and Brittany Boney, both of Heidelberg Academy.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

2000-2001 East Central Warrior basketball team

Members of the 2000-2001 East Central Community College men's basketball team include(seated, from left) trainer/manager LeAnn Pittman of Heidelberg Academy, Joseph Bell of Choctaw Central, Chris Isidore of St. Joseph (Virgin Islands), Eric Scott of Rayville (Louisiana), Clint Hatch of Carthage, Brett Augusta of West Monroe(Louisiana), Matthew Roebuck of Newton Academy, Winfred Craig of Louisville, James Denson of Choctaw Central, Maurice English of Union, student assistants Chris Phillips of East Rankin Academy and Rod Harris of Jim Hill; and (standing, from left) assistant coaches Brad Hodge and Todd Brand, student assistants Kenny McWilliams and Jacob Boler, both of Philadelphia, Leroy Murray of Scott Central, Markeith Brown of Provine, Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, Joe Copeland of Emerson (Arkansas), Victor Temple of Newton County, Tim Cleveland of Union, Femidad Carter of South Leake, student assistant Patrick Wilcher of Edinburg and head coach Jay Bowen.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

Lady Warriors poised for another run

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Year in and year out, you can count on the East Central Community College Lady Warriors to be in the thick of things when basketball season rolls around.

Lady Warriors' coach Sammy Pace doesn't expect things to be any different in his 16th season at the helm.

"We're more solid from top to bottom than we have been in a long time and this group has really good work ethics," said Pace who is 235-150 at East Central.

Last season, the Lady Warriors finished 19-10 and won the MACJC regular season South Division championship before finishing second to Gulf Coast in both the South State and State Tournaments.

The year before, EC went 22-5. The 1994-95 squad went 28-7 and finished seventh in the nation.

To maintain that level of excellence, Pace is counting on his sophomores to show the newcomers the way.

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Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

PACING THE WAY — ECCC coach Sammy Pace talks with his team during the Region 23 tourney last year.

Women

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"We've got six on the roster that were with us last year and they're providing a lot of good leadership and have a lot of valuable experience," Pace said.

His sophomores are 5-foot-3 guard Nicole Cox of Lake; 5-foot-7 guard Margo Porter of Louisville; 5-foot-9 forward Sasha Lilly of Shelby County High School in Columbiana, Ala.; 5-foot-11 forward Alberta Norman of Newton; 5-foot-5 guard Jessica Sanders of Edinburg; and 6-foot-2 forward/center Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia.

Pace also inked three freshmen from last year's Forest squad and went 36-3 and was the state runner-up in Class 3A. The trio is composed of 5-foot-3 guard Pendashala McClendon, 5-foot-4 guard Sophia Reed, and 5-foot-9 forward La'Shonda Ford.

From perennial private school power Leake Academy comes 5-foot-8 guard Lori Cumberland. The Rebelettes finished third in the MPSA Overall Tournament last year after going 46-0 her junior year.

Other freshmen are 5-foot-3 guard Bernice Hannah of Louisville; 5-foot-8 guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches (La.) Central High School; and 5-foot-11 forward/center Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater.

"They are a good bunch, but they are small," Pace said. "When you don't have but two players over 5-foot-9, then you are small in this league. But we are quick, we are athletic, and we shoot the ball fairly well, so we hope that that's going to be enough."

EC opens its season Saturday at 1 p.m. by hosting Bishop State of Mobile, Ala.

It won't be long before the South Division wars begin.

"Gulf Coast has good size and sophomores coming back just like we do," Pace said. "I've seen Co-Lin and I think they're going to be strong before the year is over. We've played Southwest and I think they're going to be better than last year and they were 10-0 at one point last year.

One player the Lady Warriors won't have is South Alabama transfer Johnita Conrad who announced her retirement on Monday. Conrad played a big role in three state championships (1996, 1997, and 1999) during her prep career at Choctaw Central.

Marty Stamper is a sports correspondent for The Meridian Star. E-mail him at sports@meridianstar.com.

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Warriors hope fun times relate to winning season

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Pardon East Central Community College men's basketball coach Jay Bowen if he has the Beach Boys' hit "Fun, Fun, Fun" played frequently over the public address system at the Warriors' games this season.

Fun was something last year's team didn't experience a lot of during an 11-16 campaign.

"After last year, our goal was to carry over some of our starters that had some experience and we wanted to get more athletic and deeper as a team," Bowen said. "I think with our freshmen class, we can go 10 or 11 people deep right now and all of them are more athletic. I hope that will make for a fun season."

The Warriors open their season at home Saturday against Bishop State of Mobile, Ala. The women's game is set for 1 p.m. with the men to tip off around 3.

Four of the 13 Warriors on the 2000-2001 roster return from last year. While the returnees may not be rich in quantity, Bowen says they are more than adequate in quality.

"We do have a good crew coming back," Bowen said. "All of our sophomores started at one time or another last year."

Leading the returnees are 5-foot-11 point guard Joe Copeland of Emerson, Ark.,

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and 6-foot-10, 240-pound post player Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy. Copeland averaged 6.9 points, 2.5 rebounds, and 2.7 assists as a freshman. He also had 29 steals. Roebuck averaged 7.5 points and 5.6 rebounds to go with a state-best 50 blocked shots.

"Joe does a real good job of being our leader on and off the floor," Bowen said. "He's a good point guard and is being heavily recruited by some Division I schools. We look for him to lead the show and get the ball to the right people to make sure they score.

"Matthew led the state in blocked shots last year and is a good offensive player and is doing a good job of being a solid force in the middle."

Also back is 6-foot-1 wing Chris Webb of Neshoba Central.

"Chris is an excellent 3-point shooter," Bowen said.

Webb averaged 8.0 points and 3.2 rebounds and connected on 46-of-123 3-point tries a year ago.

The fourth sophomore is former Leake Academy do-it-all Kent Chamblee. The 5-foot-11 wing averaged 2.8 points and 2.3 rebounds and had 25 steals as a freshman.

"Kent is a dual-sport athlete (basketball and baseball) and he is our guy that does all the dirty work," Bowen said. "He's a real good defender. He held (Gulf Coast's) Jaeson Maravich to 11 points when he was guarding him."

While considered a freshman in basketball, former Choctaw Central standout James Denson, a 6-foot-3 wing, is expected to play a big role in EC's success.

Other freshmen are 6-foot-7 post Brett Augusta of West Monroe, La.; 6-foot-5 wing Eric Scott of Rayville High School in Winnsboro, La.; 5-foot-11 point guard Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine; 6-foot-4 wing Winfred Craig of Louisville; 5-foot-9 point guard Leroy Murray of Scott Central; 6-foot-5 post Clint Hatch of Carthage; 6-foot-3 wing Maurice English of Union; and 6-foot-2 wing Chris Isidore of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Brown played for former EC Warrior Luther Riley at Provine.

Redshirting this year due to a shoulder injury is 6-foot-3 wing Tim Cleveland of Union.

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ECCC Warriors tip off hoops season at home against Bishop

Women's game set to begin at 1 p.m.

From Special Reports

DECATUR — Home games against Bishop State of Mobile, Ala., on Saturday will mark the start of East Central Community College's 2000-01 basketball season. Tip-off time for the Lady Warrior matchup is set for 1 p.m. with the men's contest scheduled at 2:45 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Women's head coach Sammy Pace, now in his 16th season at East Central, said he anticipates another successful campaign from his Lady Warriors, who placed second in the division and state tournaments last year and advanced to the Region 23 Tournament en route to a 19-10 record.

"We have seven sophomores back from last year's state runner-up squad who should provide experience and leadership lacking last season. We have one of the most talented groups of freshmen that we have had in awhile. Overall, we are a small team and could use some help under the boards. But what we lack in size we hope to make up in athletic ability and heart," Pace said.

Sophomore team members include guards Jessica Sanders (5-5) of Edinburg, Nicole Cox (5-3) of Lake, Margo Porter (5-7) of Louisville and Johnita Conrad (5-6) of Choctaw Central; forwards Alberta Norman (5-11) of Newton and Sasha Lilly (5-9) of Shelby County (Ala.) High School; and forward/center Anna Udicova (6-2) of Presov, Slovokia. Cox was an honorable mention All-State selection last year.

Freshmen are guards Bernice Hannah (5-3) of Louisville, Lori Cumberland (5-8) of Leake Academy and Pendashala McClendon (5-3) and Sophia Reed (5-5) both of Forest; forwards La'Shonda Ford (5-9) of Forest, Cassandra Jennings (5-9) of Lake and Nikki Lacour (5-8) of Natchitoches (La.) Central; and forward/center Trelisa Eichelberger (5-9) of Noxapater.

Brad Hodge serves as assistant coach.

Student assistants are Brittany Boney of Heidelberg Academy, Tiffany Chancellor of Enterprise and Danelle Hudson of Noxapater.

Jay Bowen, who begins his third year of a second stint as Warrior head coach, said he looks for an improved squad to take the floor this season. The 1999-2000 Warriors won four of their last five matchups, which included a stunning 87-68 thumping of top-seeded Gulf Coast in the South Division Tournament, to finish 11-16.

"Having four starters return from a team that was 30 seconds away from the conference finals sets high expectations for this yearis squad. Hopefully, everything will mesh together and this team will be able to go deeper in tournament play," Bowen said.

Bowen added that the sophomores ihave shown good leadership qualities and are looking forward to climbing the ladder in the MACJC.

Returnees include point guard Joe Copeland (5-11,155) of Emerson, Ark.; post Matthew Roebuck (6-10, 240) of Newton County Academy; and wings Kent Chamblee (5-11, 175) of Leake Academy and Chris Webb (6-1, 155) of Neshoba Central.

Bowen also praised his freshman team members.

"One of our objectives in recruiting last year was to put together a more athletic team. With this year's freshmen, I think we have accomplished that goal," Bowen said.

Freshmen are point guards Leroy Murray (5-9) of Scott Central, Markeith Brown (5-11, 193) of Jackson Provine, posts Brett Augusta (6-7, 192) of West Monroe (La.), and Clint Hatch (6-5, 198) of Carthage; and wings Winfred Craig (6-4, 184) of Louisville, James Denson (6-3, 181) of Choctaw Central, Maurice English (6-3, 165) and Tim Cleveland (6-3, 155), both of Union; and Chris Isidore (6-2, 170) of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Overall, Bowen said this year's squad enters the season "with a good attitude and work ethic on the floor and in the weight room." He added, "They want to take the Warrior program up a level."

Hodge also serves as an assistant coach for the Warriors along with Todd Brand.

Student assistants are Patrick Wilcher of Edinburg, Kenny McWilliams of Philadelphia, Chris Phillips of East Rankin Academy and Rod Harris of Jackson. Joey McLeod of Rush Sports Medicine is the trainer for both squads. Sophomore LeAnn Pittman of Heidelberg Academy serves as student trainer.

East Central will host Coahoma Monday at 6 p.m. before hitting the road for the first time on Thursday with a trip to perennial powerhouse Northwest Mississippi Community College.

WEEK OF 11/6/10

East Central women, men take two wins

From Special Reports

Basketball season is off to a successful start for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors and Warriors who are both 2-0 following home action against Coahoma Community College and Bishop State Community College of Mobile, Alabama.

La'Shonda Ford of Forest and Margo Porter of Louisville each pumped in 12 points to lead the Lady Warriors in their 102-44 thrashing of the visiting Lady Tigers from Clarksdale Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood gym.

Also scoring were Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, 10; Pendashala McClendon of Forest, Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, LA, and Sasha Lilly of Shelby County High School in Columbiana, Ala., nine each; Bernice Hannah of Louisville and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, eight each; Jessica Sanders of Edinburg and Sophia Reed of Forest, seven each; Nicole Cox of Lake, five; and Alberta Norman of Newton and Trelisa Eichelberger of Noxapater, three each.

Vondreal Edwards of Clarksdale led Coahoma with 15 points.

East Central held a 58-21 advantage at halftime.

In men's action, six Warriors scored in double figures to easily defeat the Tigers 108-88.

Point makers were Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine and Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, 15 each; James Denson of Choctaw Central and Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, 14 each; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, 13; Winfred Craig of Louisville, 12; Eric Scott of Winnsboro, LA, 10; Maurice English of Union, seven; Joe Copeland of Emerson, AR, four; and Leroy Murray of Scott Central and Brett Augusta of West Monroe, LA, two each.

William Terry of Clarksdale led the Tigers with 28 points.

EC led 48-36 at the break.

In games played against Bishop State on Saturday, the Lady Warriors cruised to a 100-62 win followed by the Warriorsí 72-58 victory.

Lady Warrior scorers were Udicova, 18; Reed, 12; Cumberland, Cox and Lacour, 10 each; Lilly, nine; Porter, seven; Sanders, six; Norman and Eichelberger, five each; Hannah, four; and Ford and McClendon, two each.

Renea Jones of Northeast Jones led Bishop State with 16 points.

The Lady Warriors led 38-26 at halftime.

Warrior point makers were Augusta, 22; Brown, 16; Webb, nine; Craig, six; Scott, five, Copeland, Denson and Roebuck, four each; and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two.

EC led 36-25 at intermission.

In games scheduled this week, East Central travels to Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville on Thursday night and journeys to Bishop State on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Warriors and Warriors will be guests of Holmes Community College in Goodman on Monday, Nov. 13.

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Warriors ink 9 freshmen

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Bowen added that the sophomores "have shown good leadership qualities and are looking forward to 'climbing the ladder' in the MACJC."

The Warriors added nine newcomers, including post Clint Hatch of Carthage and wing James Denson of Choctaw Central. Wing Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy is among the returning players.

Overall, Bowen said this year's squad enters the season "with a good attitude and work ethic on the floor and in the weight room." He added, "They want to take the Warrior program up a level."

Lady Warriors return

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Along with Nicole Cox, who was an honorable mention All-State selection last year, the Lady Warriors also return Jessica Sanders of Edinburg. Johnita Conrad of Choctaw Central joins the squad as a sophomore because she played at South Alabama last season.

Pace also signed Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy as well as Sophia Reed and La'Shonda Ford of Class 3A state runner-up Forest.

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ECCC Lady Warriors defeat Holmes; Warriors Fall in OT

Sophomore Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, pumped in 23 points and led East Central Community College to an 84-76 win over Holmes Community College Monday night in Goodman.

With the victory, the Lady Warriors improved to 4-1 on the young season.

In addition to Udicova, who last week signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at the University of Southern Mississippi, other scorers were Margo Porter of Louisville and Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, Louisiana, 18 each; Nicole Cox of Lake, 15; Sophia Reed of Forest, three; Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, Alberta Norman of Columbiana, Alabama, and Trelisha Eichelberger of Noxapater, two each; and La'Shonda ford of Forest, one.

East Central led 50-36 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors fell 86-79 in overtime to the host Bulldogs and saw their record drop to 3-2.

East Central point makers were Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, 20; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas, 13; James Denson of Choctaw Central 12; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, 11; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, seven; Winfred Craig of Louisville and Brett Augusta of New Orleans,seven each; and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy and Leroy Murray of Scott Central, one each.

The score was deaklocked at 74-74 at the end of regulation. Holmes led 40-35 at halftime.

In other games last week, both teams fell at Bishop State Community College in Mobile on Saturday after earlier sweeping a pair at Northeast Mississippi Community College on Thursday.

Scorers for the Lady Warriors in their 69-55 loss to Bishop State were Cox, 14; Udicova and Lacour, 10 each; Bernice Hannah of Louisville, six; Reed, five; Norman, four; and Cumberland, Ford and Porter, two each.

East Central trailed 33-27 at halftime.

Point makers for the Warriors, matchup, were Roebuck, 20; Copeland, 11; Brown, 10; Augusta, seven; Maurice English of Union, four; Eric Scott of Winnsboro, Louisiana and Webb, three each; and Chamblee, Denson and Chris Isidore of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two each.

The score was teid 35-35 at the break.

Against Northeast, Cox and Porter scored 20 points each in the Lady Warriors' 84-79 victory. Also scoring were Norman, 13; Lacour, 12; Ford, seven; Hannah and Udicova, six each; and Cumberland, two.

Northeast led 38-37 at halftime.

In the men's 81-67 thrashing over the host Tigers, EC scorers were Web and Copeland. 14 each; Denson and Roebuck, 12 each; Chamblee, seven; Augusta, six; Brown, five; Craig and Scott, four each; Hatch, two; and English, one.

East Central led 36-30 at hlaftime.

Games This Week

East Central teams will travel to East Mississippi Community College in Scooba on Thursday, November 16. Women's action begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's matchup at 8 p.m.

A two-day tournament featuring teams from East Central, Jones County Junior College, Holmes Community College and Mississippi Delta Community College will be held Monday-Tuesday, November 20-21 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Games scheduled during first-round action include Jones and Delta women at 2 p.m., Jones and Delta men at 4 p.m., East Central and Holmes women at 6 p.m., Jones and Holmes men at 8 at p.m.

No games are scheduled during the Thanksgiving holidays. The Lady Warriors and Warriors resume action on Tuesday, November 28 by traveling to Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia.

Central Mississippi Classic Begins November 27 at ECCC

East Central Community College in Decatur will again serve as site of the Central Mississippi Classic, a five-day competition featuring some of the area's top public high school girls and boys basketball teams.

Action gets underway on Monday, November 27 and concludes with the championship and consolation finals on Saturday, December 2. Games will be played in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and at the South Campus gym. No games are scheduled Tuesday, November 28.

Teams from Edinburg, West Lauderdale, Carthage, Scott Central, Newton County, Forest, Noxapater, Philadelphia, Newton, Lake, South Leake and Neshoba Central are scheduled to participate in the double-elimination tournament.

For bracket information contact East Central Community College head basketball coaches Sammy Pace (women) or Jay Bowen (men), Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 246 or ext. 243.

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East Central men slip past Lions; women roll

From Special Reports

Markeith Brown's lay-up and a late free throw by Joe Copeland gave East Central Community College a hard-fought 72-70 victory over rival East Mississippi Community College Thursday night in Scooba.

With the win, Jay Bowen's Warriors snapped a two-game losing skid and improved to 4-2 on the 2000-01 campaign.

East Central was led in scoring by Chris Webb of Neshoba Central who pumped in 15 points. Other scorers were Matthew Roebuck, 14, of Newton County Academy; James Denson, 12, of Choctaw Central; Brett Augusta, eight, of New Orleans; Brown, a Jackson Provine product, seven; Winfred Craig of Louisville and Eric Scott of Winnsboro, La., six each; Copeland, a former Emerson (Arkansas) High School standout, three; and Kent Chamblee, one, of Leake Academy.

In women's action, Coach Sammy Pace's squad cruised to a 96-69 win over the Lady Lions and improved to 5-1.

Lady Warrior pointmakers were Alberta Norman, 21, of Newton; Anna Udicova, 20, of Presov, Slovokia; Nicole Cox, 18, of Lake; Sophia Reed, 10, of Forest; La'Shonda Ford, eight, of Forest; Margo Porter, seven, of Louisville; Nikki Lacour, six, of Natchitoches, La.; Jessica Sanders, four, of Edinburg; and Lori Cumberland, two, of Leake Academy.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors return to action following the Thanksgiving holidays by traveling to Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia on Nov. 28.

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East Central women win two of

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors won two of their last three games to up their record to 5-1.

The Warriors went 1-2 and were 4-2 heading into this week.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors return to action following the Thanksgiving holidays by traveling to Northwest on Nov. 28. South Division action gets underway on Nov. 30 when the EC squads visit Gulf Coast.

• **Bishop State women 69, EC 55:** Bishop avenged an earlier 100-62 loss in Decatur with the Nov. 11 win at Mobile.

Leading scorers for the Lady Warriors were Nicole Cox with 14, Anna Udicova and Nikki Lacour with 10 each, and Bernice Hannah with six.

EC, 3-1, trailed 38-27 at halftime. Bishop was ranked No. 17 nationally in the NJCAA's preseason poll.

• **Bishop State men 68, EC 64:** Much like their

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three; Warriors bump off Scooba

female counterparts, the Wildcats atoned for a 14-point loss at Decatur with the Nov. 11 victory in Mobile.

Leading scorers for the Warriors, 3-1, were Matthew Roebuck with 20, Joe Copeland with 11, Markeith Brown with 10, and Brett Augusta with seven. The score was tied 36-36 at the break.

• **EC women 84, Holmes 76:** Sophomore Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, pumped in 23 points and led EC to the win at Holmes on Nov. 13.

EC, 4-1, led 50-36 at halftime.

In addition to Udicova, who last week signed a national letter of intent to continue her career at the University of Southern Mississippi, other top scorers were Margo Porter and Nikki Lacour with 18 each, and Nicole Cox with 16.

Holmes fell to 1-4.

• **Holmes men 86, EC 79 (OT):** The Warriors lost by seven in overtime at Goodman on Nov. 13 and saw their record drop to 3-2.

Top EC point makers were Chris Webb with 20, Joe Copeland with 13, James Denson with 12, Matthew Roebuck with 11, while Markeith Brown, Winfred Craig, and Brett Augusta each had seven.

The score was deadlocked at 74-74 at the end of regulation. Holmes, 2-3, led 40-36 at halftime.

• **EC women 96, East Mississippi 69:** Coach Sammy Pace's squad cruised to a 27-point blowout over the Lady Lions and improved to 5-1 Thursday night at Scooba. The Lady Lions fell to 0-5.

Top scorers for EC were Alberta Norman of Newton with 21, Anna Udicova with 20, Nicole Cox of Lake with 18, Sophia Reed with 10, La'Shonda Ford with eight, Margo Porter with seven, and Nikki Lacour with six.

EC led 45-29 at the break.

• **EC men 72, East Mississippi 70:** Markeith Brown's layup and a late free throw by Joe Copeland gave EC a hard-fought 72-70 victory over rival East Mississippi Thursday night in Scooba.

With the win, Jay Bowen's Warriors snapped a two-game losing skid and improved to 4-2 on the 2000-01 campaign. The Lions fell to 2-3.

EC was led in scoring by Chris Webb of Neshoba Central who pumped in 15 points.

Other scorers were Matthew Roebuck with 14, James Denson with 12, Brett Augusta with eight, Brown with seven, and Winfred Craig and Eric Scott with six each.

EC led 39-35 at halftime.

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East Central teams sweep Delta in tournament

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors cruised to a 74-55 win over Delta's Lady Trojans and the Warriors outscored the Delta men 105-94 on November 21 to conclude two days of tournament competition held on the Decatur campus.

Scorers for the East Central Women, who improved to 7-1, were Margo Porter of Louisville, 13; Sophia Reed of Forest, 12; Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovakia, 11; Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, Louisiana, 10; La'Shonda Ford of Forest and Alberta Norman of Newton, seven each; Jessica Sanders of Edinburg and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, four each; Nicole Cox of Lake, three; Bernice Hannah of Louisville, two; and Trelisha Eichelberger of Noxapater, one.

Shirley Gooch of Cleveland led Delta with 13 points.

East Central held a 43-24 advantage at halftime.

Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy and Brett Augusta of New Orleans paced the Warriors with 23 points each. Also scoring were James Denson of Choctaw Central, 18; Winfred Craig of Louisville, 14; Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, nine; Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, six; Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy and Eric Scott of Winnsboro, Louisiana, three each; and Maurice English of Union, Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas and Chris Isidore of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two each.

Nick Seals of Forrest City, Arkansas scored 20 points to lead the Trojans.

The Warriors led 46-43 at halftime.

In games played Monday, November 20, the East Central women clipped the Holmes Lady Bulldogs 59-57 followed by the Warriors' 103-95 double overtime loss to the Holmes men.

Cox led the Lady Warriors with 17 points. Also scoring were Porter, 15; Norman, eight; Lacour, seven; Ford six; Udicova, four; and Reed, two.

Latasha Sumrerall led Holmes with 21 points.

EC trailed 25-24 at the break.

In the men's game, Warrior point makers were Brown, 17; Craig and Denson, 16 each; Webb, 15; Chamblee, seven; Roebuck and Copeland, six each; Augusta and Scott, four each; and Leroy Murray of Scott Central and Clint Hatch of Carthage, two each.

The nondivision matchup was tied 89-89 after the first overtime and 79-79 at the end of regulation. East Central led 35-24 at the break.

Also participating in the two-day tournament were the Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats and Bobcats.

In games this week, East Central travels to Northwest Mississippi Community College in Sebatobia on Tuesday and will be guests of Gulf Coast Community College Thursday on the Perkinston campus. The Lady Warriors and Warriors journey to Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead on Monday, December 4.

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ECCC women get two wins

by Marty Stamper

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College posted two home floor wins before the Thanksgiving break as they upped their record to 7-1.

The Warriors went 1-1 and brought a 5-3 mark into this week.

• **EC women 59, Holmes 57:** The Lady Warriors got 17 second half points from Nicole Cox as they eased past Holmes on Nov. 20.

Holmes led 25-24 at halftime.

Cox led EC, 6-1, with 17 points. Margo Porter scored 15, Alberta Norman had eight, Nikki Lacour tossed in seven, and La'Shonda Ford had six.

Holmes, 1-6, got 21 points from Latasha Sumerall, 11 from Kovana Reese, and 10 from Roshanda Kilbert.

• **Holmes men 103, EC 95 (2 OT):** Holmes outscored the Warriors 14-6 in the second overtime to take the Nov. 20 win.

EC, 4-3, led 35-24 at halftime and held a 16-point lead with five minutes remaining only to let Holmes pull even thanks to 25 second half turnovers. For the game, the Warriors turned the ball over 32 times.

The contest was knotted at 79-79 at the end of regulation. A 3-pointer at the final buzzer of the first overtime by James Denson allowed the Warriors to pull even at 89-89.

Markeith Brown led EC with 17 points. Denson and Winfred Craig both scored 16, Chris Webb had 15, Kent Chamblee added seven, and Joe Copeland and Matthew Roebuck both had six.

Holmes, 3-4, got 20 points apiece from Greg Tucker, Jonathan Small, and Jonathan Asuzu.

• **EC women 74, Miss. Delta 55:** The Lady Warriors improved to 7-1 with the Nov. 21 win.

"We're very pleased to be 7-1 at the break," EC women's coach Sammy Pace said. "They've worked hard and they're a little tired right now, so the break's going to do them good."

Margo Porter tossed in 13 points for EC. Sophia Reed scored 12 points and had seven rebounds. Anna Udicova had 11 points and

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; men split pair

seven rebounds. Nikki Lacour had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Alberta Norman and La'Shonda Ford both had seven points, while Lori Cumberland had seven rebounds.

The Lady Warriors led 43-24 at halftime and Delta got no closer than 16 points in the second half.

Delta, 2-5, was led by Shirley Gooch's 13 points.

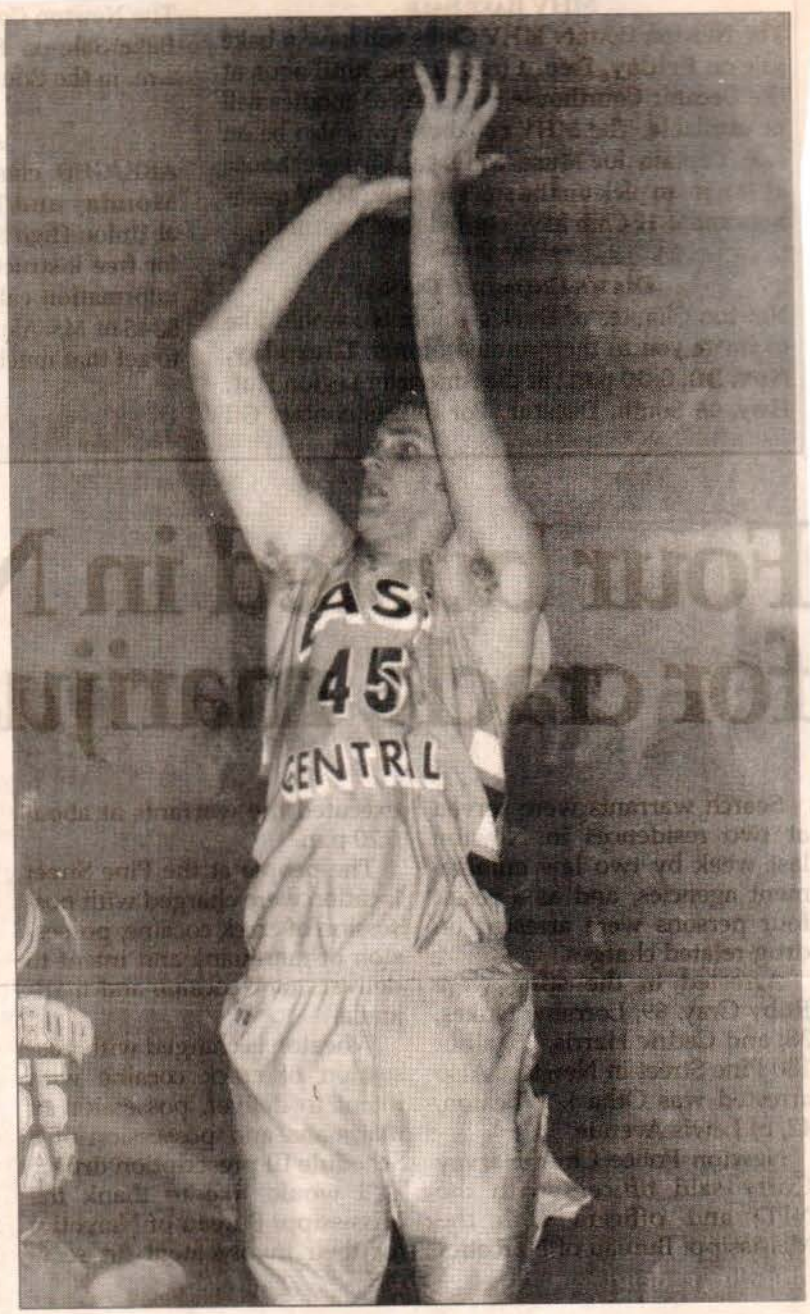
• **EC men 105, Miss. Delta 94:** Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy and Brett Augusta of West Monroe, La., both scored 23 points as the Warriors clocked Delta in the Nov. 21 game.

EC led 48-43 at halftime, went up 75-58 with 10:40 remaining after back-to-back 3-pointers from Kent Chamblee and Chris Webb, and kept a double-digit lead the rest of the night.

The Warriors, 5-3, also got 18 points from James Denson, 14 from Winfred Craig, nine from Markeith Brown, and six from Webb.

"I thought our guys showed a lot of heart and a lot of character tonight, coming back after last night's game and being able to pull out a pretty good victory," EC coach Jay Bowen said. "We started out a little sluggish, but in the second half I thought we played pretty well. We're very proud of them because they showed a lot of character."

Delta, 1-6, got 20 points from Nick Seals and 13 apiece from Quincy Liger and Joseph Ballard.



East Central's Matthew Roebuck shoots during recent action on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF 11/27/00

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East Central Community College standout basketball player Anna Udicova has signed a national letter-of-intent with the University of Southern Mississippi. Joining Udicova, a 6-foot-2 forward/center from Presov, Slovakia, during the signing ceremony are Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace and his wife, Virginia. Last year Udicova helped lead the East Central women to a second-place finish in the division and state tournaments en route to a 19-10 record. She was named second team All-State following the 1999-2000 campaign, during which she averaged 9.6 points and 6.4 rebounds. She is currently averaging 14 points and eight rebounds for the Lady Warriors. (EC Photo)

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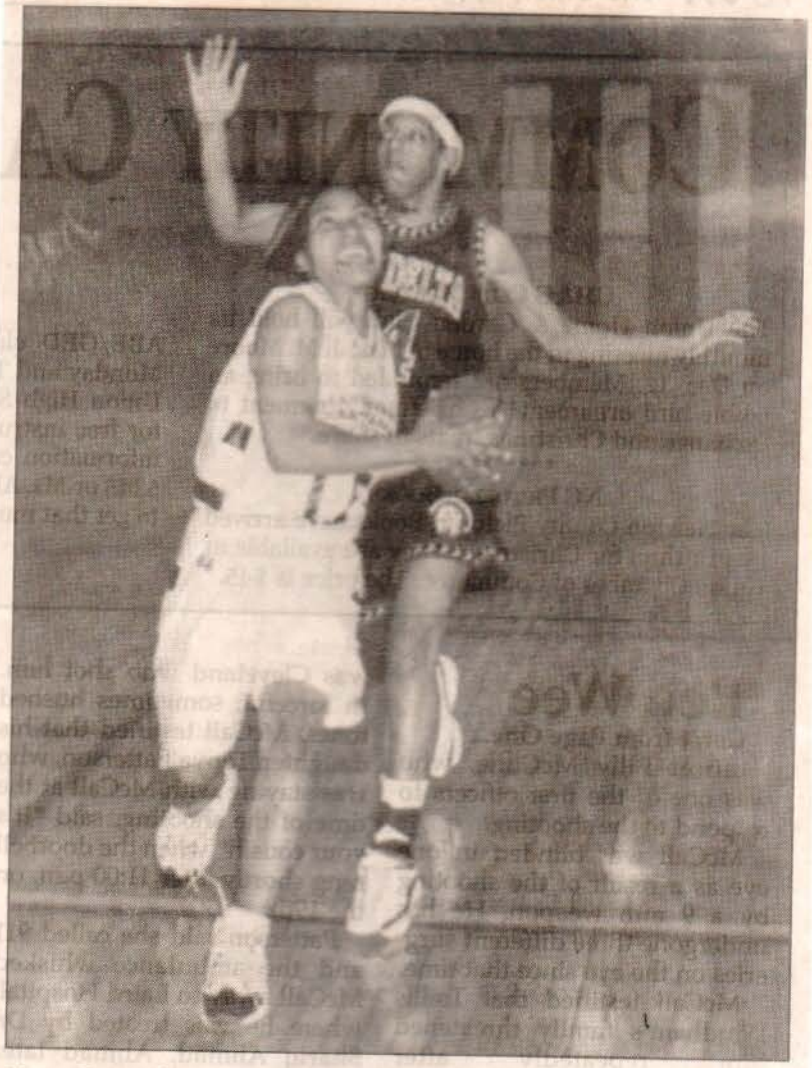

East Central's Nicole Cox, shown during a recent win over Mississippi Delta, scored 24 points in the Lady Warriors' 86-79 win at No. 14 Gulf Coast last week.

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WEEK OF 12/4/10

Lady Tigers drop 2 at ECCC

Carthage Lady Tigers coach Jason Gentry said his team may have been "in a little over our heads."

What the Lady Tigers were in was East Central Community College's annual high school basketball tournament and this year's girls bracket was loaded with good teams.

In the first round of the tournament, Carthage faced eventual tournament champion West Lauderdale in the first round and fell 70-33.

In the Monday, Nov. 27, game, the Lady Tigers fell behind 22-11 in the first quarter.

West continued to push the lead in the second period with a 22-6 bulge which left CHS down 44-17 at halftime.

West continued to pull away in the second half with a 26-16 edge.

Shannon Cheeks and Lashandreia Luckett led Carthage with eight points apiece.

Kristina Gardner led West with 19 points.

Thursday, Nov. 30, the Lady Tigers were eliminated from the tournament by Leake County rival South Leake, 64-46.

Gentry said, "I was very disappointed in our effort in the first half."

By halftime, Carthage was down 30-9 after being outscored by South Leake 17-4 in the first quarter and 13-5 in the second.

Gentry said he went to the press in the second half and his team played with more energy.

"We played a lot better in the second half," he added.

Carthage outscored SLHS 37-34 in the second half.

Amanda Cooks led Carthage with 14 points, while Monique Overstreet led South Leake with 21.

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WEEK OF Dec. 4, 2000

ECCC Splits Pair Against Gulf Coast

East Central Community College teams split with Gulf Coast onThursday, November 30 and fell to Northwest on Tuesday, November 28, in games played last week.

Nicole Cox of Lake tallied 24 points in leading the Lady Warriors to an 87-79 win over the Gulf Coast women, while the Warriors, led by Choctaw Central product James Denson's 17 points, were clipped 70-66 by the Bulldogs.

In addition to Cox, other EC point makers were Alberta Norman of Newton, 23; Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, 19; Margo Porter of Louisville, 10; Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, Louisiana, six; Jessica Sanders of Edinburg and Trelisha Eichelberger of Noxapater, two each; and Sophia Reed of Forest, one.

East Central held a 47-41 advantage at half-time.

Also scoring for the warriors were Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, 14; Matthew Roebuck of Newton County Academy, 11; Joe Copeland of Emerson, Arkansas, nine; Winfred Craig of Louisville, seven; Brett Augusta of New Orleans and Chris Webb of Neshoba Central, three each; and Kent Chamblee of Leake Academy, two.

Gulf Coast led 28-26 at the break.

Against Northwest, the Lady Warriors were edged 71-70 while the EC men were outscored 91-69.

Lady Warrior scorers were Udicova, 27; Cox, 16; Porter, 13; Reed, seven; Lacour, four; Ford, two; and Norman, one.

The score was tied 37 all at half-time.

Denson led the Warriors with 12 points. Other scorers were Eric Scott of Winnsboro, Louisiana, 10; Augusta, Brown and Webb, eight each; Copeland, Craig and roebuck, seven each; and Leroy Murray of Scott Central, two.

Northwest led 38-33 at the break.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors took a pair from Mississippi Delta Community College on Monday, December 4 to improve their records to 9-2 and 6-5 respectively.

In remaining action prior to Christmas break, the East Central men will travel to Rhodes College in Memphis on Thursday, December 7. Both teams begin 2001 by hosting Itawamba squads on Thursday, January 4. Copiah-Lincoln teams will be guests on Monday, January 8.

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WEEK OF 12/11/10

EC enters holiday break victoriously

by Marty Stamper

After both East Central Community College teams took turns over Mississippi Delta on Dec. 4 at Moorhead, the Warriors added a victory over the junior varsity squad of Rhodes College on Thursday in last week's basketball action.

The Lady Warriors will take a 9-2 record into the holiday break, while the Warriors hold a 7-5 mark.

The Lady Warriors were ranked No. 24 in the Dec. 5 NJCAA poll.

EC returns to action on Jan. 4 when both teams host Itawamba. The women's game is set for 6 p.m. with the men slated for 7:45.

• **EC women 84, Miss. Delta 71:** Nicole Cox tossed in 25 points to lead the Lady Warriors to the Dec. 4 win at Moorhead.

The Lady Warriors led 39-32 at halftime, but had to hold off a late surge by Delta to earn the win.

EC, 9-2, also got 18 points and nine rebounds from Alberta Norman, 14 points and five rebounds from Margo Porter, nine points and five rebounds from Anna Udicova, seven points and eight rebounds from La'Shonda Ford, seven points from Sophia Reed, and four points from Nikki Lacour.

• **EC men 92, Miss. Delta 85:** The Warriors outscored the Trojans 43-33 in the second half to take the Dec. 4 win at Moorhead.

The Warriors trailed 52-49 at halftime despite 14 points from Markeith Brown who finished with 22.

Winfred Craig scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half to spark EC's comeback.

EC, 6-5, also got 11 points from Joe Copeland, 10 from Matthew Roebuck, eight from Kent Chamblee, and six each from Brett Augusta, James Denson, and Eric Scott.

Delta got 20 points from Bruce Evans, 14 from Quincy Liger, and 10 each from Marellis Nix and Brian Suber.

• **EC men 79, Rhodes College JV 55:** The Rhodes junior varsity squad was little competition for the Warriors in Thursday's meeting in Memphis.

EC led 53-27 at halftime with 10 Warriors scoring in the win.

EC, 7-5, got 19 points from James Denson, 16 each from Chris Webb and Winfred Craig, six from Matthew Roebuck, and five each from Clint Hatch and Eric Scott.

EC's Denson named 'Player of the Week'

East Central Community College freshman James Denson of Walnut Grove recently received MACJC/Region 23 South Division Player of the Week honors.

Denson, a 6-foot, 3-inch forward from Choctaw Central, averaged 14.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, four assists and three steals during action against Northwest and Gulf Coast community colleges held the last week in November.

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WEEK OF 12/18/00

ECCC teams sweep Delta

The nationally ranked East Central Community College Lady Warriors completed 2000 action on a successful note by posting an 83-71 win over home standing Mississippi Delta Community College on Monday, December 4.

Sophomore guard Nicole Cox of Lake led all scorers with 25 points, followed by an 18-point performance by sophomore forward Alberta Norman of Newton. Other point makers were Margo Porter of Louisville, 14; Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, nine; La'Shonda Ford, seven and Sophia Reed, five, both of Forest; and Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, Louisiana, four.

The Lady Warriors held a 39-32 advantage at halftime.

East Central, ranked 23rd in the latest NJCAA poll, will take a 9-2 overall record and 1-0 South Division mark home for the Christmas holidays. Coach Sammy Pace's squad begins 2001 competition by hosting Itawamba Community College at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 4. The Lady Warriors will entertain division for Copiah-Lincoln at 6 p.m. Monday, January 8.

The Warriors also experienced a successful conclusion for 2000 competition with their 92-85 win over Delta's Trojans on December 4 and a 79-55 thumping of the Rhodes College junior varsity in Memphis on Thursday, December 7.

Freshman Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine paced the Warrior attack against Delta with 22 points. Also scoring were Winfred Craig, 19, of Louisville; Joe Copeland, 11, of Emerson, Arkansas; Matthew Roebuck, 10, of Newton County Academy; Kent Chamblee, eight, of Leake Academy; Bretta August of New Orleans, James Denson of Choctaw Central and Eric Scott of Winnsboro, Louisiana, six each; and Chris Webb, four, of Neshoba Central.

Delta led 52-49 at the break.

Denson tallied 19 points in leading East Central against Rhodes College. Other point makers were Craig and Webb, 16 each; Roebuck, six; Scott and Clint Hatch of Carthage, five each; Brown and Leroy Murray of Scott Central, three each; and Augusta, Copeland and Maurice English of Union, two each.

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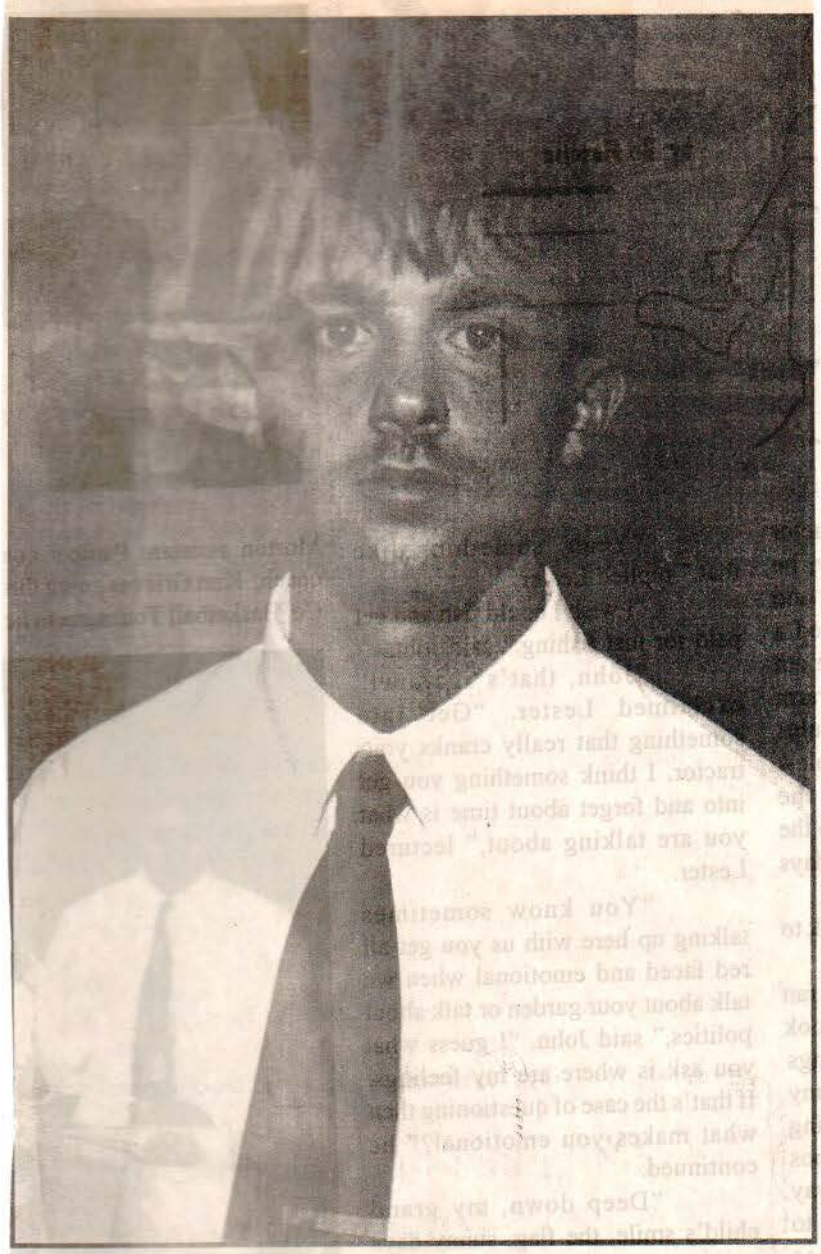

ALL - STATER

East Central Community College soccer player Tip Murchison of Morton was recently named first team All - State following the 1999 campaign. Murchison, a sophomore liberal arts major, is the first Warrior soccer team to receive All - State honors. East Central completed its first year of men's soccer competition by posting a record of three wins, 12 losses and two ties. Kenneth Thompson serves as coach. (EC photo)

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WEEK OF 2-28-00

Joe Savell, seated at left, of Newton County High has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at East Central Community College. With Savell are his mother, Ann Savell, and, standing from left, NCHS coach Paul Killens, Richard Savell, the signee's father, and ECCC coach Kenneth Thompson.

Jonathan Jackson, seated, of Newton County High has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at East Central Community College. With Jackson are, standing from left, NCHS coach Paul Killens, Bob Jackson, the signee's father, and ECCC coach Kenneth Thompson.

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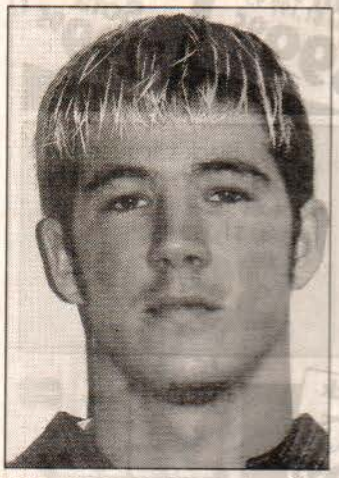
WEEK OF 4-10-00

Derek Dunn



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Parents: Gayle Phillips

Joshua Cook

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WEEK OF May 29, 2000

ECCC Soccer

Greetings from the Soccer Department. Have you ever seen a year go by so fast? It seems like it was last week that we were getting prepared to begin fall practice. Where doers the time go?

We have just completed our spring practice session. We stressed individual skills, mental toughness, and teamwork in every practice. We participated in two six-a-side scrimmages with East Mississippi and finished the spring by participating in William Carey College's Six-a-Side Tournament on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our team had the opportunity to play against some of the best talent in the Southeast. The challenge now is to take what we learned and put it to use.

Recruiting for the 2000 Warrior Soccer squad is coming along nicely, however there is still room for additional talent. If you know of any interested players, have them contact me at 635-2111, ext. 370. I will be more than happy to set up a time for a visit and workout.

The 2000 schedule is set with 18 matches to be played. Ten matches will be played at the new Warrior Field. The Warriors will open the new season at home on August 27 by hosting Andrew College from Georgia. The slate includes ten division matches with Gulf Coast, Co-Lin, Pearl River, Holmes-Ridgeland, and Jones. Also included are five non-division matches with East Mississippi, Hinds, Mississippi Delta, Itawamba, and Holmes-Goodman. The schedule is rounded out with two matches with Wallace State form Alabama. We are looking forward to the new season and hope to see many of you at the matches.

With the end of the semester comes the time to begin thinking of summer camps. We will hold four camps this summer for soccer. The dates and times for each age group are listed in the newsletter. If you know of someone who is interested in one of our camps, I would like to send them a registration form. Have them call the athletic department at 635-2111 for more information.

In closing for the year, I would like to leave you with this thought. Everyone want s to be successful. That is human nature. "There are no secrets to success. it is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." (General Colin l. Powell) I hope for you the best as you begin to prepare for the "Next" season.

Keep'em Kickin

Kenneth Thompson, East Central Warrior Soccer.

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WEEK OF June 26, 2000

These members of the East Central Community College soccer team received various awards following the 1999 campaign. Award winners, seated from left, are John Cartwright (Most Improved), Justin Lanier (Warrior Scholar Athlete Award), Tip Murchison (Most Valuable Player and first team all-state), (standing) Tyler Thomas (Warrior Scholar Athlete Award), Brett Hossley (Best Defensive Player), Tim Stewart (Warrior Award), and Michael Craig (Best Offensive Player).The Warriors went 3-12-2 in their first season.

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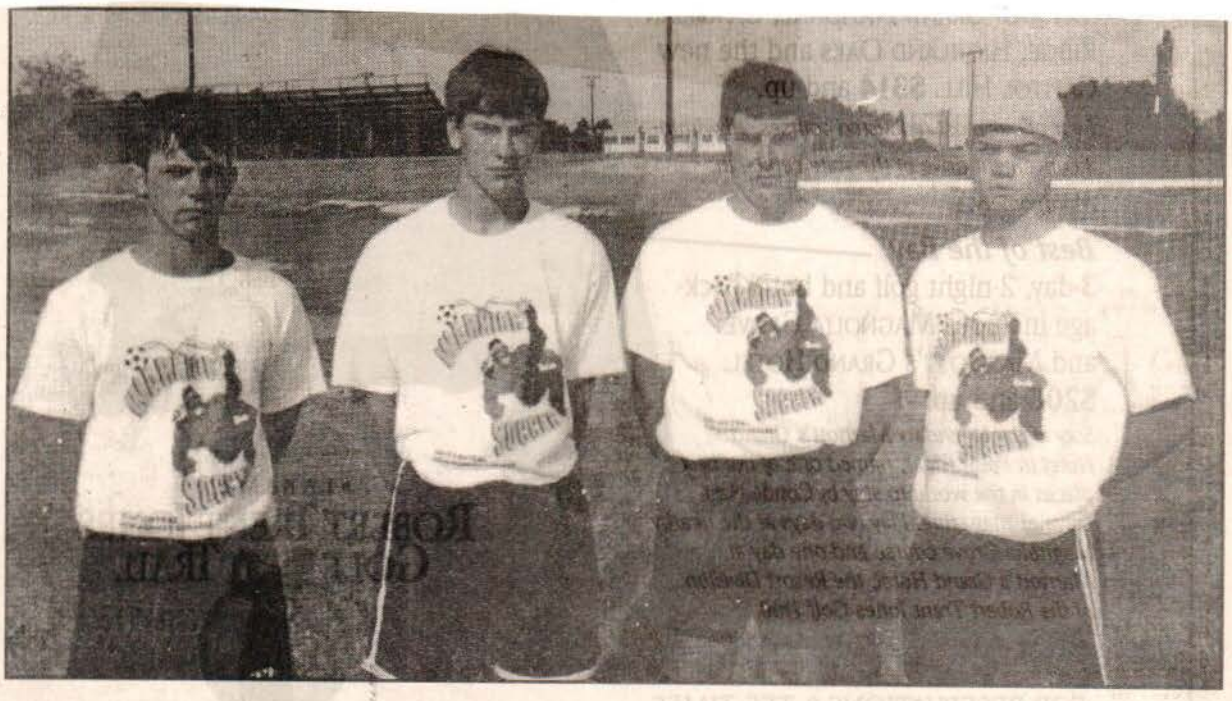

CONDUCT ECCC SOCCER CAMP - East Central Community College recently held soccer camp on the Decatur campus. Serving as camp instructors were, from left - ECCC soccer players Tip Murc of Morton, Brett Hosley of Warren Central, Tyler Thomas of Newton County and Michael Cra Morton. ECCC head coach Kenneth Thompson served as camp director.

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WEEK OF Aug. 28, 2000

EMCC runs by ECCC

By Austin Bishop
The Meridian Star

JUCO SOCCER

DECATUR — The combination of the 105-plus degree temperature and the heat applied by the East Mississippi Community College offense proved to be too much for homestanding East Central Community College Tuesday afternoon.

EMCC kept up a relentless assault on the East Central goal as the Lions scored the last four goals of the game to take a 6-2 win in men's junior college soccer action.

EMCC 6
ECCC 2

"I knew when we got to halftime we were in a little trouble," East Central coach Kenneth Thompson said. "But our guys, hey, I can't complain, they just got wore down."

EMCC coach Sean McDonnell agreed.

"We just had more depth and we were probably in a little better shape than they were," he said.

East Mississippi outshot East Central 27-5 for the game and only gave up one shot in the second half.

The Lions, now 1-0 on the year, led just 2-1 in the half but appeared to be in control of the game. EMCC had several point-blank shots that couldn't find the net in the first half.

"We should have been further ahead, but we just didn't take advantage of our chances," McDonnell said. "After we settled down and started playing our ball control in the midfield we did all right."

One key move McDonnell made was moving freshman Rocky Cole from sweeper to forward late in the first half.

"He provided a little spark for us and kind of gave us a little life out there," McDonnell said.

"We are probably going to move him around like that all year."

Cole scored on a nice header with just 1:47 left in the half on a cross from Ryan Truesdale to tie the game at 1-1. East Central had taken the lead 13 minutes into the game when Gardito Ruiz had tucked a loose ball into the net as it bounced out of the goalie's grasp.

The game didn't stay tied long, as EMCC scored on another header with 22 seconds left.

This time it was Jimmy Parker doing the honors, as he scored from 14 yards out on a nice pass from Aaron Smyser.

Despite being outshot 14-4 in the first half, East Central kept hanging in the game in the early stages of the second half and actually tied the contest at 2-2 when Michael Craig made a nice spin move to score with 41:10 left in the game.

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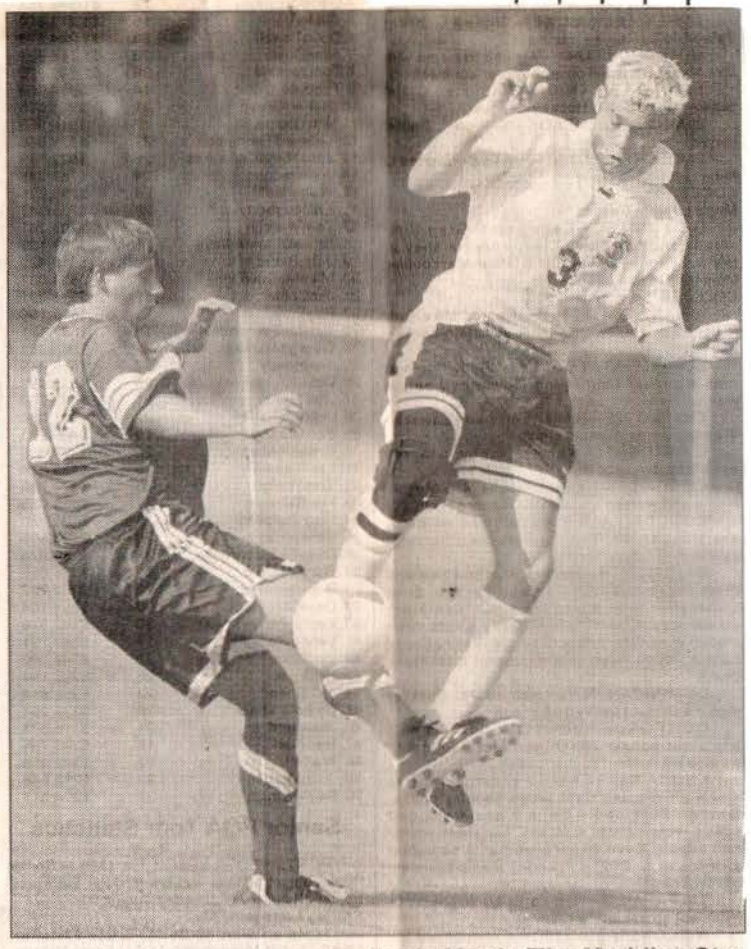

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HEAD OVER HEELS – East Mississippi's Barry Westbrook, left, tries to block East Central's Michael Craig during the Lions' 6-2 win over the Warriors.

Soccer

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After East Central goalie Derek Dunn made big saves on prime EMCC scoring opportunities with 40 minutes and 32:45 left in the game, the damn finally broke open for the Lions.

Smyser blasted a laser shot from 18 yards out that banged off the cross bar and bounded away from Dunn in front of the goal. EMCC's David Smith beat him to the ball and put the Lions ahead 3-2 with 28:27 to play.

Smyser scored once and Cole twice more over the next 13 minutes to give the winners their 6-2 lead.

"That was a good enough first game," McDonnell said. "We saw some things we need to work on, but from here on we will be kind of fine tuning it and I think we are going to make a good run at it."

East Central, now 0-2 on the season, returns to action Saturday when the Warriors travel to Raymond to take on Hinds Community College at 7 p.m.

The Lions of EMCC play their first home match of the season on Saturday when Copiah-Lincoln visits Scooba for a 2 p.m. battle. The EMCC and Co-Lin women play at 4 p.m. There is no admission charged to attend the games.

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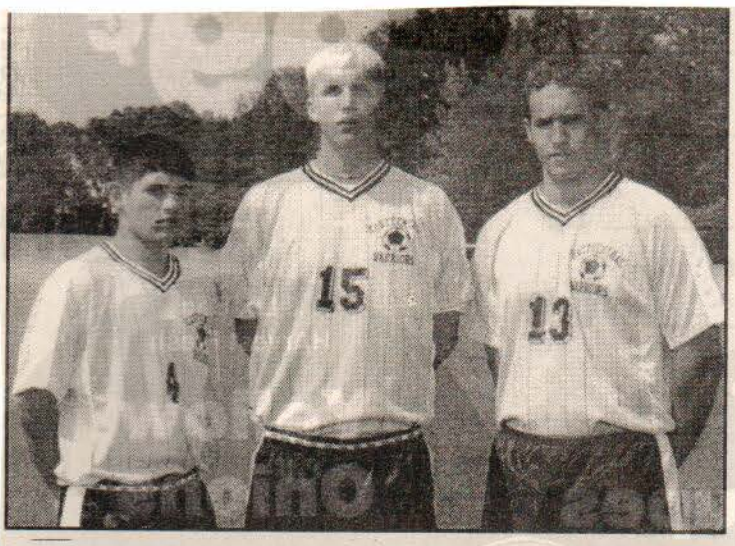

ECCC SOCCER WARRIORS - Ready to begin the 2000 soccer season at East Central Community College in Decatur are the above team members from Newton County. From left are midfielder/forward Joe Savell, forward/midfielder Chris Leubbers and defender/midfielder Dwight Brannon, all of Newton County High School. East Central began season action by hosting Andrew College on Sunday, August 27. The Soccer Warriors are coached by Kenneth Thompson (head) and Roy Pete, assistant.

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East Central Community College goalie Derek Dunn, a former Neshoba Central High School standout, goes up for the ball during the Warriors 6-2 loss to East Mississippi Community College last week. Among those looking on is Wesley Rounsaville (17) of Philadelphia.

East Central soccer team kicks off season with three straight losses

By AUSTIN GBISHOP
Sports Reporter

The East Central Community College soccer team has gotten off to an 0-3 start, but Warriors coach Kenneth Thompson said he knew his team's early-season schedule would be a tough one.

"I would say that our first five games are as tough as any we will play," Thompson said. "We just have to work through it and improve as much as we can."

The Warriors lost to visiting East Mississippi Community College 6-2 on Tuesday, before falling to Hinds Community College 10-0 in Raymond on Saturday.

ECCC returns to action at home on Wednesday when the Warriors play host to Region 23 foe Mississippi Delta Community College at 4 p.m. Wallace (Ala.) State College will pay a visit at 2 p.m. on Friday, while East Central travels to take on Holmes-Goodman at 2 p.m. Saturday.

East Central Community College sweeper Bobby Gibson (12) gets ready to clear the ball out of the Warrior end of the field, while Timothy Stewart (18) moves in to help. East Central returns to action today at 4 p.m. at home against Mississippi Delta.

"I knew when we got to halftime we were in a little trouble," said East Central coach Kenneth Thompson. "But our guys, hey, I can't complain, they just got wore down."

East Central took the lead tied the game at 2-2 when Michael Craig used a nifty one-on-one move to get free then ricocheted his shot off a defender's leg and past the goalie with 41 minutes left to be played.

From there EMCC's Rocky

WEEK OF Sept. 11, 2000

ECCC Soccer Warriors claim first season win

A late goal by forward Michael Craig of Morton provided the winning margin for the East Central Community College Soccer Warriors who claimed their first victory of the 2000 campaign - a 3-2 decision over home-standing Holmes-Goodman Saturday afternoon.

Craig's winning shot came on a header off a corner kick with one-and-a-half minutes into stoppage time. Midfielder Gardito Ruiz of Warren Central was credited with the assist.

Also scoring for East Central, which improved to 1-3, were midfielder/forward Joe Savell of Newton County and midfielder Billy Brake of Brandon. Forward/midfielder Chris Leubbers of Newton County was credited with an assist on Savell's goal, and defender Tim Stewart of Sebastopol made the assist for Brake's score.

Justin Lewis scored both goals for Holmes-Goodman.

In action this week, the Soccer Warriors travel to Perkinston Tuesday, September 12 for a 7:30 p.m. South Division contest with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and will host Copiah-Lincoln Community College in another division matchup at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 16 on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

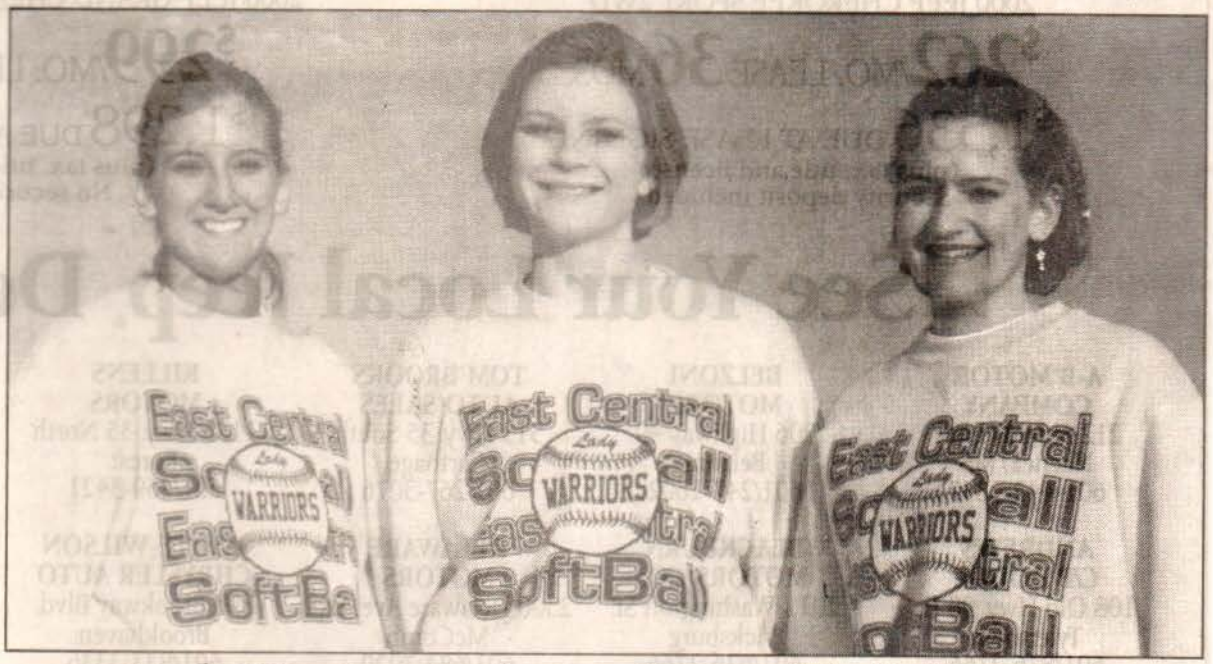
EC Lady Warrior softball is about to begin

Softball season gets underway on Monday, February 21 for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors who travel to the Goodman campus of Holmes Community College in a non division matchup.

The east Central women, who are led by eighth-year head coach Mike Anderson, will challenge Holmes to begin home action on Wednesday, February 23. All games are double-headers and begin at 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Returnees on the 14-member squad include outfielder Lacey Johnson of Carthage, outfielder/pitcher LeAnne Stampley of Newton County Academy, infielder Allison Bailey, infielder/outfielder Bridgette Stamper, pitcher Amanda Harris and outfielder LaBreeska Chesney, all of Newton County; and outfielder Brooke Manigold of Louisville.

Freshman team members are catcher/infielder Amy Jones, infielder/outfielder Ashley Jones and infielder Stephanie Harber, all of Forest; infielder/outfielder Nicole Cox of lake, infielder/pitcher Kristi Moore of Noxapater, catcher Brandy Burnett of Louisville and infielder Holly Turner of South Choctaw Academy(Ala.).



Lady Warriors set for battle on softball diamond

Scott County Athletes who are members of the 2000 East Central Community College softball team include(from left) Amy Jones, Stephanie Harber and Ashley Jones, all of Forest. Not pictured is Nicole Cox of Lake.(EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 2-14-00

Lady Warrior Softball Schedule

February 21	[illegible]	Away	3 p. m.
February 23	[illegible]	Home	3 p.m.
February 26	Early Bird Tourney	Hattiesburg	TBA
February 29	[illegible]	Home	3 p.m.
March 2	[illegible] Delta	Away	3 p.m.
March 13	East [illegible]	Home	3 p.m.
March 16	[illegible] Delta	Home	3 p.m.
March 21	[illegible] Gulf Coast	Home	3 p.m.
March 22	East [illegible]	Away	3 p.m.
March 27	[illegible]	Home	3 p.m.
March 29	[illegible]	Home	3 p.m.
March 31-April 1	[illegible] Tourney	New Albany	TBA
April 3	[illegible]	Away	3 p.m.
April 4	[illegible]	Home	3 p.m.
April 6	[illegible] Gulf Coast	Away	3 p.m.
April 12	Pearl River	Home	3 p.m.
April 13	[illegible]	Away	3 p.m.

LADY WARRIORS MAKE THE GRADE - Members of the 200 East Central Community College softball team who maintained a 3.0 or above grade point average for the fall semester includ (kneeling, from left) Amanda Harris of Hickory, Kristi Moore o Noxapater, Ashley Jones of Forest and Holly Turner of Needham Alabama; and (standing, from left) LaBreeska Chesney of Littl Rock, Brandy Burnett of Louisville, Bridgette Stamper of Decatu Lacey Johnson of Carthage, Allison Bailey of Decatur and LeAnn Stampley of Chunky. The Lady Diamond Warriors are coached b Mike Anderson. They begin season action Monday, February 21 against Holmes Community College in Goodman. (EC photo)

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ECCC SOFTBALL TEAM - Members of the East Central Community College softball team for the 2000 season include (kneeling, from left) Amy Jones and Ashley Jones, both of Forest; Brooke Manigold of Louisville, Kristi Moore of Noxapater, LeAnne Stampley of Chunky and Holly Turner of Needham, Alabama; and (standing from left) Brandy Burnett of Louisville, LaBreeska Chesney of Little Rock, Lacey Johnson of Carthage, Bridgette Stamper of Decatur, Stephanie Harber of Forest, Allison Bailey of Decatur, and Amanda Harris of Hickory. The Lady Diamond Warriors are coached by Mike Anderson. (EC photo)

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WEEK OF 2/21/00

ECCC softball sweeps Holmes

By Austin Bishop
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — If the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College are nothing else, they are consistent at the plate.

ECCC, now 3-1 on the season, ripped 18 hits in the opener and followed with 19 in the nightcap to sweep a women's slow-pitch softball doubleheader from visiting Holmes Community College by the scores of 12-10 and 19-7.

The Lady Warriors picked up 18 hits in both of its games on Monday, as they spilt a road doubleheader with Holmes, winning 12-1 and losing 10-7.

"You have to admit, that's pretty consistent," said ECCC head softball coach Mike Anderson of his team's hitting so far this season. "If we can keep hitting like that, and play good defense we will win some ball games.

"We hit the ball well," he said of Wednesday's sweep. "The wind helped us some, but it helped the other team. They (Holmes) made a few errors, but we hit it well."

Holmes jumped out to a 2-0 lead thanks to a homer in the top of the first inning of Wednesday's opener, but the Lady Warriors scored twice in the bottom of the first and five times in the second to go up 7-2.

Anderson made one of the biggest plays of the game in the middle of the game when Holmes had runners on

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first and third and was in the midst of a rally, when the Lady Warriors turned a double play.

Amanda Harris had a big day for ECCC, picking up both wins on the mound and also excelling at the plate. She had two hits and three RBIs in the first game and three hits and one RBI in the nightcap.

Brooke Manigold had two singles and a double and scored four runs for ECCC in the opener, while former Newton County Academy standout LeAnne Stampley was 3-for-3 at the plate and Lacey Johnson had two hits.

Kristi Moore of Noxapater had a double and two singles in the second game.

East Central was held scoreless in the second inning of the nightcap, but scored at least three runs in each of the remaining six innings as the game was called by the run rule in the bottom of the sixth.

The Lady Warriors scored three in the first, four in the third, three in the fourth and fifth and five in the sixth when the game was halted.

East Central returns to action this weekend when the Lady Warriors travel to Hattiesburg to take part in the Early Bird Tournament.

The 11-team tournament is broken down into two pools. After pool play, the teams will be seeded and will take part in a single-elimination tournament.

"Everybody is guaranteed at least five games and it gives everybody a chance to play a lot of games," he said.

East Mississippi Community College will also be in the tournament.

The next home games for ECCC is Feb. 29, when Northeast comes in for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

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WEEK OF 3-13-2000

Union, Newton County tie as rain takes championship game

Union, Neshoba Central, and Choctaw Central all took part in a two-day fast-pitch softball tournament at Union last week.

Union went 2-0-1 as Friday's championship game was rained out with the Lady Jackets and Newton County knotted at 3-3 after five innings. The Lady Jackets were 5-0-1 entering this week.

Neshoba Central went 2-1 in the tournament and was 3-5 to begin this week's action.

Choctaw Central went 1-2

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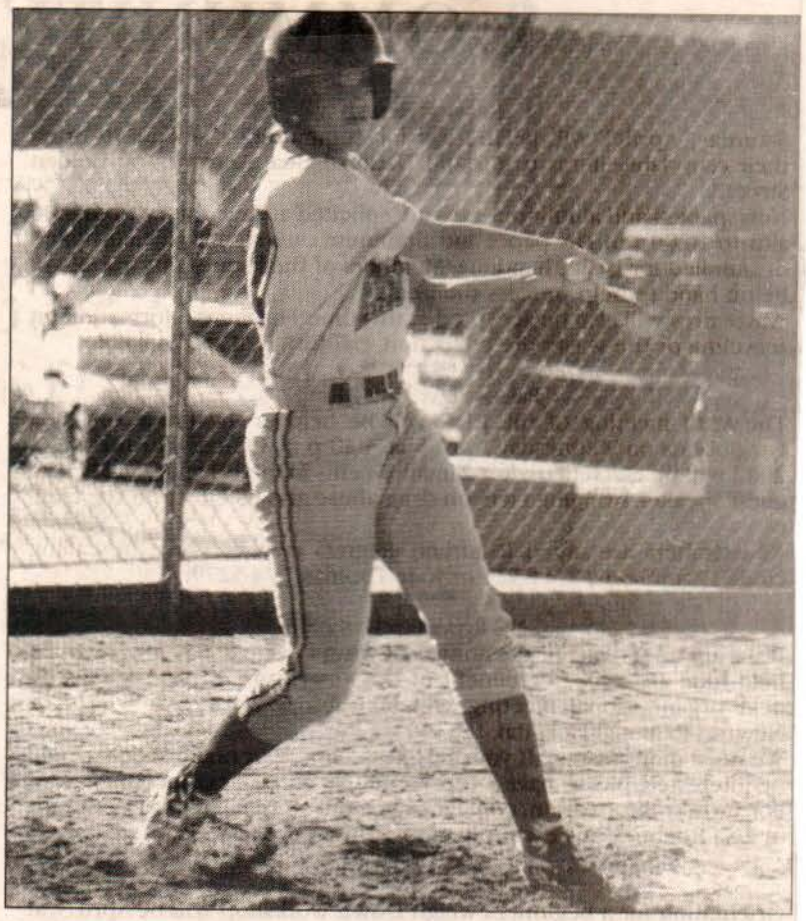

East Central Community College sophomore right fielder LeAnne Stampley launches a triple during a recent doubleheader split with Mississippi Delta.

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

Union duo inks with ECCC

Union seniors Emily Casey, seated second from left, and Sommer Averett, seated second from right, became the first players to sign fast-pitch softball scholarships with East Central Community College when they inked Wednesday afternoon. Casey was named all-division, received a Lindy Callahan Scholarship, was named The Meridian Star's 1999 Player of the Year, and also received a Union Planters Bank Scholarship and an ECCC Leadership Scholarship. Averett was named all-division, was chosen as a WTOK Scholar Athlete, was picked for the slow-pitch softball all-star game, and received a Clayton Blount Scholarship and an ECCC Leadership Scholarship. Also seated are Wanda Casey, far left, and Penny Averett, far right. Standing are ECCC coach Mike Anderson, Union fast-pitch coach Ricky Casey, Jimmy Averett, and Union slow-pitch coach Lee Killen.

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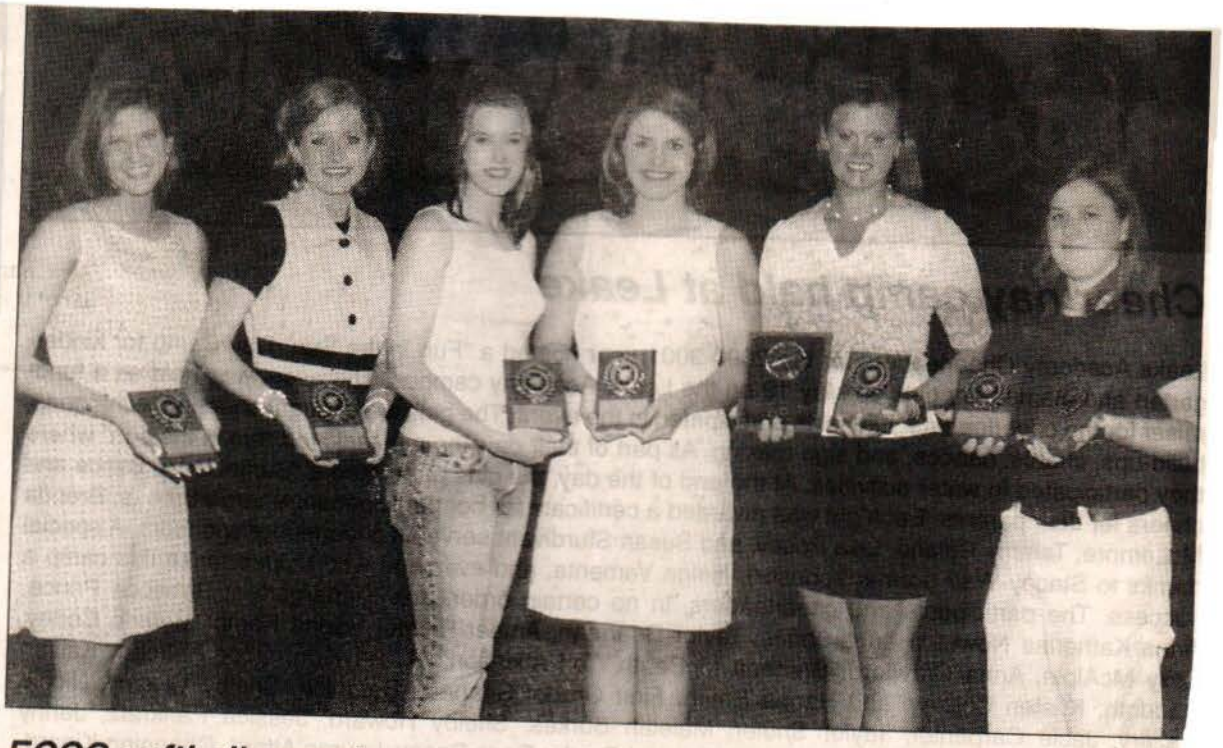

ECCC softball awards

Receiving slow-pitch softball awards at East Central Community College this spring are, from left, LeAnne Stampley (Coach's Award), LaBreeska Chesney (Most Improved), Lacey Johnson (Defensive Player Award), Allison Bailey (Defensive Player Award), Amanda Harris (Lady Warrior Award and first team all-state), and Brooke Manigold (Lady Warrior Award and Offensive Player Award). The Lady Warriors finished 15-37 in the school's final season of slow-pitch softball.

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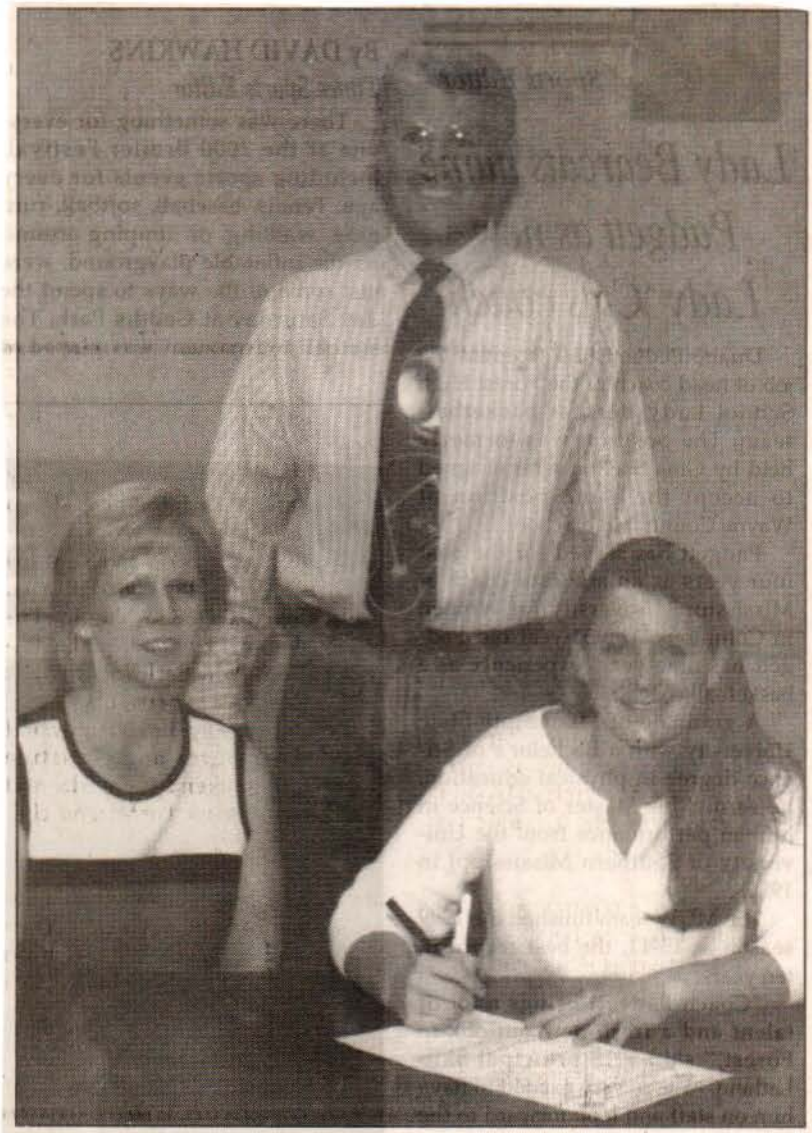

Black inks with East Central

Natalie Black of Morton has signed a national letter of intent to play fast-pitch softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. The new Lady Warrior was joined at the signing ceremony by her mother, Alisha Bennett and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.(EC Photo)

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Tullos inks ECCC scholarship

Erica Tullos of Neshoba Central High School has signed a national letter of intent to play fast-pitch softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. Tullos is joined at the signing ceremony by her mother, Toni Tullos and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson. The new Lady Warrior was selected to participate in the Mississippi High School All-Star Game in July.

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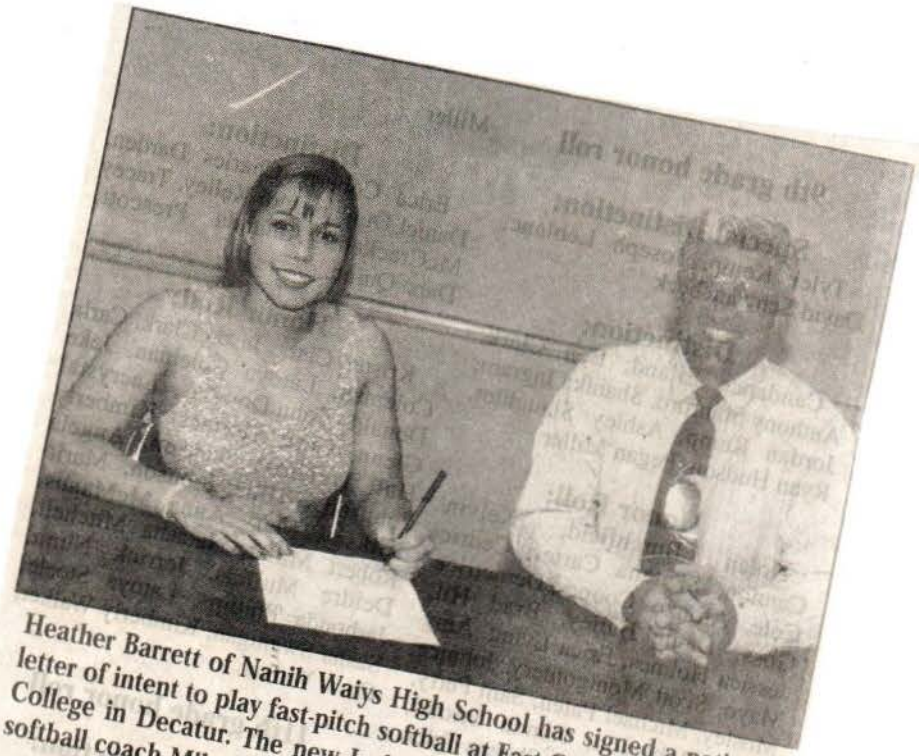

Heather Barrett of Nanih Waiys High School has signed a national letter of intent to play fast-pitch softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. The new Lady Warrior is pictured with ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson during a recent signing ceremony.

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Tara Phillips of Nanih Waiya High School has signed a national letter of intent to play fast-pitch softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. The new Lady Warrior was joined at the signing ceremony by her father, Clay Phillips (seated at left) and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.

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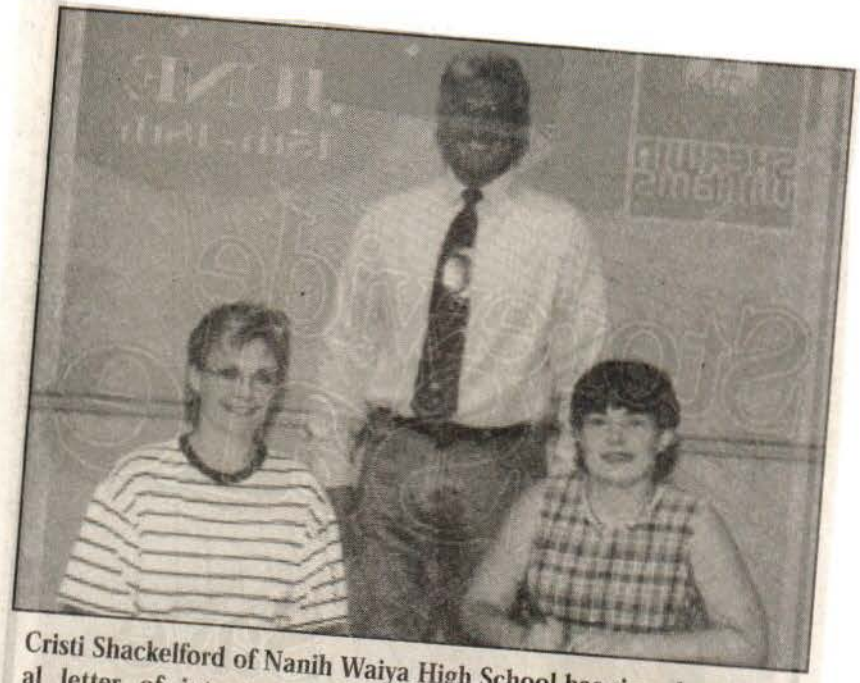

Cristi Shackelford of Nanih Waiya High School has signed a national letter of intent to play fast-pitch softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. The new Lady Warrior is joined at the signing ceremony by her mother, Anita D. Sumrall and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.

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WEEK OF 6-19-11

Stephanie Gillett

Stephanie Gillett of Winston Academy has signed a national letter of intent to play fast-pitch softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. The new Lady Warrior is shown during a recent signing ceremony with her parents, Roger and Phyllis Gillett and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.

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WEEK OF 1-3-00

Participate in world literature banquet

These students are members of Laura Hammons' World Literature class at East Central Community College and participated in the annual World Literature Banquet. As part of the festivities, students dress in fashions from various countries in the world and cook authentic foods from the different areas. Pictured are (seated, from left) Lisa Flake of Philadelphia, Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, Gwen Owens of Lake, Emily Germany of Union, Melanie Atkinson of Jackson and Brandi Crowell of Louisville; and (standing, from left) Todd Mullins of Louisville, Angela Holdiness of Philadelphia, Jonathan Thorne of Hickory, Dexter Akins of Decatur, Johnny Gunn and Josh Eure, both of Forest, and Kristen Mills and Stephanie Evans, both of Newton.

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WEEK OF 1-10-00

ECCC honor society recognized

A reception in recognition of the Eighty First anniversary of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, was recently hosted by members of Theta Xi Chapter at East Central Community College in Decatur. ECCC sophomore Stephen Pace of Morton, who serves as chapter historian, serves punch to Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction, who was among those who joine in the celebration. Long recognized as one of the top Phi Theta Kappa chapters, Theta Xi most recently was congratulated by the international office for having reached its 1999 Journey Challenge goal. Advisors for the ECCC chapter are Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford, and Tonya Kirk. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-10-2000

ECCC Honor Society Initiates—These East Central Community College students were recently welcomed as new members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college. Seated from left are Sherry Akins of Decatur, Heather Anderson of Philadelphia, Jessica Blan of Carthage, Mattie Brown of Meridian, Melissa Cooksey of Newton and Ti Garner of Brandon. Second row, from left, are Rebecca Rigdon of Union, Matt Stribling of Carthage, Dale Thornton of Bay Springs, Tommie Wells of Forest, Natasha Williams of Philadelphia, Rebecca Owen of Union and Courtney Rawson of Carthage. Third row, from left, Nick Hall of Philadelphia, Michael Johnson of Lake, Adam Mann and Jon Martin, both of Philadelphia; Josh Young of Carthage and Edd Porter of Morton. Not pictured are Melissa S. Pendergrass of Philadelphia and Jason Lamar Pierce of Union. Advisors are Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya M. Kirk.

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WEEK OF 1-24-00

Students selected to Who's Who

These East Central Community College students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be recognized in the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Heather Hamilton, Newton; Staci Slayton, Enterprise; Jenny Bounds, Forest; Emily Johnson, Philadelphia; Ashley McDill, Decatur; Robyn Watts, Union; Nykela Horne, Philadelphia; Rita Nunn, Noxapater; Valarie Barfield, Philadelphia; Amanda Hillman, Carthage; Melissa Till, Pelahatchie; Jessica Guyse, Newton; and Connie Tew and Ginny Rigby, both of Forest; and (second row, from left) Huellen Nutt, Morton; Jerry Nance, Louisville; Cristy Bowen, Decatur; Jennifer Winstead, Union; Angela Jayroe, Louisville; Jonathan Thorne and Amanda Harris, both of Hickory; Jill Gray, Philadelphia; Jennifer Guyse and Kristen Mills, both of Newton; and Veronica Haynes, Louisville; (third row, from left) Tesa Henry, Forest; Kelly Tucker, Carthage; Betty Wilkerson, Lawrence; Marva Cavenaugh, Chunky; Stacy Skinner and Carmen Germany, both of Union; Bridgette Stamper, Decatur; Jana Wylie, Louisville; Clifton Edwards, Carthage; Allen Wilson, Newton; and Edd Porter, Morton; (back row, from left) Craig McRae, Carthage; Robert Savell, Lake; Patrick Ferris, Clinton; T.J. Madison, Philadelphia; William Savell, Lake; Chris Weems, Newton; Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; Kyle Watson, Union; Michael Wilcher, Edinburg; Justin Sharp, Harperville; and Derek Burton, Decatur. Not pictured are Courtney Cooper, Forest; David Daniel, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Beau Ellison, Philadelphia; and Lacey Johnson, Carthage. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-24-00

ECCC announces honor roll

Students named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College.

Local students named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

Cassandra Eaves, Ree Hickman, Peggy Humphries, Angela jayroe, Brittney Lee, Maria McKinley, Amy Morehead, Jason Morehead, Lucas Nowell, Michael Smith and Jennifer Snow, all of Louisville; and Gwendolyn Edwards and Beverly Reynolds, both of Noxapater.

Local students named to the Dean's List include Sandy Adcock, Christina Ballenger, Brandy Burnett, Wesley Coleman, Brandi Crowell, Paulette Dailey, Darrell Hallford, Amy Hatcher, Amy Herrington, Joshua Hoening, Samuel Knight, Amanda Murphy, Alicia Pearson, Raymond Popec, Holly Preston, Justin Reed, Monica Smith, Amanda Stanton, Alfred Wallace and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville; and LaShandra Carter, Leah Fulcher, John Goodin, Cantrell Lampley and Randall Orr, all of Noxapater.

Local students receiving honorable mention include Jason Allen, Amanda Barrett, Stormy Burnham, Jennifer Carr, Cynthia Cistrunk, Kristy Cay, Adam Daniel, James Farish, Emily Fulcher, Karen Hailey, Veronica Haynes, Kevin Hindman, Cynthia Hoskins, Nekemia Hudson, Misty Jones, Johnna Levin, Phillip Livingston, Misty McDaniel, Joshua McNeill, Todd Mulins, Sean Partridge, LaDonna Patie, Mary Quinn, Randall Sims, Matthew Snow, Brigette Sullivan, Leslie Taylor, Qunita Triplett, Patrick Warner and Jeremy Woods, all of Louisville; and Stacey Blakenship, Austin Darby, Barry Edwards, Janita Hornesbuger, Karolyn Lampley, Brent McAdory, Kellie Moore, Kristi Moore, Rita Nunn and John Wilkes, all of Noxapater.

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ECCC anounces fall semester honor roll

Students named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and those who received honorable mention recognition.

President's List

Named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

Scott County: Edgar Bradford, Heather Cushman, Tesa Henry, Ashley Jones, Charlie Noel, Timothy Pittman, Joan Shelley, Joseph Tucker and Charles Walker, all of Forest; Alicia Jenkins and Demetrick Towner, both of Lake; Ashley Deel, Samantha Goss, Wendy Huff, Jennifer Johnson, Tammy Munn, Alicia Purvis and Stephanie Tadlock, all of Morton; and Timothy Boles, Walnut Grove.

Dean's List

Scott County: Melanie Fanguy, Conehatta; Lisa Adcock, Brandi Adcox, Wendy Barrett, Vanesha Battle, Courtney Cooper, Joshua Eure, Amber Gibson, Jeannie Hannah, Sharon Hoye, Tracy Latham, Jeffrey Monk, Percy Parker, Virginia Rigby, Lance Sigrest, Christopher Thompson, Kimberly Walls, Stephanie Westbrook and Wendy Williamson, all of Forest; Paula Pinter and Justin Sharp, both of Harperville; Audrey Haralson, Ashley Homan and Benjamin Martin, all of Lake; Jana Nester, Lawrence; Laura Shows, Lena; Karen Johnson, Huellen Nutt, Stephen Pace and Herman Warren, all of Morton; Bruce Bridges and McKenzie Mack, both of Pulaski; Jason Gardner and Brent Madden, both of Sebastopol; and Christopher Lathem and Yancy Thrash, both of Walnut Grove.

Honorable Mention

The following students Candice Graham and Shannon McDill, all of Conehatta; Jennifer Bounds, Larry Derrick, Melissa Everett, Johnny Gunn, Rachel Haralson, Kenneth Hines, Amanda Hughes, Karen Ingle, Andrew Jones, Ben Lindsey, Tracey May, Christie McGee, Latoya Roberts, Shandra Shepard, Benjamine Stewart, Connie Tew, Paula Thompson, Shalene Walker, April Wallace, Lataurus Washington, Tommie Wills, Lori Winstead, Freddie Woods and Melissa Yarbrough, all of Forest; Latonya Gray, Chrishna Mayfield, Kendra Morgan, Samantha Stroud and Kimberly Wooten, all of Lake; Joseph Robertson, Lena; Rebecca Latham, Ludlow; Francis Bbrown, Jonathan Craig, LaWanda Ealy, Leanne Earls, Heleena Fedrick, Chrystal Harmon, Angela Hayman, Allison Housley, Pamela Jones, Joshua Miller, Edd Porter and Christian Wood, all of Morton; Richard Boozer and Brandy Ellington, both of Pulaski; Jennifer Abel and Jennifer Carpenter, both of Sebastopol; and Martha Brown, Walnut Grove.

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WEEK OF 1-24-2000

East Central CC tells fall semester honors rosters

Leake students named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and those who received honorable mention recognition.

Named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

Jessica Brown, Amanda Hillman, Mindy Hutchison, Craig McRae, Matthew Stribling and Shannon Sullivan, all of Carthage; Amber Johnson and Christopher Kyzar, both of Lena; Jill Gray of Philadelphia; and Carl Isaac and James Smith, both of Walnut Grove.

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average:

Nicholas Barham, Anita Bell, Codie Carroll, Mary Frances Chervenak, Kimberly Coghlan, Ramona Corkern, Kris Davidson, Clifton Edwards, Joseph Grice, Wendy Hester, Jennifer Jenkins, Lacey Johnson, Lisa Price, Courtney Rawson and Dana Withers, all of Carthage; James Brown, Lena; Mary Johnson, Madden; Vickie Lacey and Sherron Rhodes, both of Philadelphia; and Renodda Dorman, Walnut Grove.

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

Jessica Brumfield, Bethany Bryan, Kent Chamblee, Laurie Cockroft, Jacqueline Coward, Rebecca Fulton, Amanda Griffin, Tiffany Hutchins, Mindy Hutchison, Yolanda Jones, Lasonya Kincaid, Keisha Latham, Tryphosa McFadden, Ellis McMahen, Adam Morrison, James Parker, Marcus Pickel, Cory Rawson, Rachel Roland, Jessica Sanders, Melissa Smith, Allison Thornton, Ryan Wade, Michael Wilcher and Shelby Withers, all of Carthage; Richard Alexander, Thomas Burnes, Angie Johnson and Ashley Lay, all of Lena; Brandon Tucker, Little Rock; Jess May, Dustin Renfrow and Sonya White, all of Philadelphia; Holly Davidson, Union; Jessica Blan, Alesha Gomillion, John Gunn, Meredith Hogue, Bryan Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Karmen Jones, Grandale Tubby and Tonya Viverette, all of Walnut Grove.

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WEEK OF 1-24-00

ECCC to offer three childcare workshops

The East Central Community College Small Business Development Center will offer three workshops on childcare management during the month of February. The workshops will be held in the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building on the Decatur campus.

The first workshop is "Childcare Management: Storytelling" and will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday, Feb. 10.

"Childcare Management: Policy and Procedures" will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10.

The third workshop, "Childcare Management: Self Esteem," will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission. For more information or to reserve seating contact SBDC Director Ronald Westbrook at 635-2111, ext. 296 or 297, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 296 or 297.

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New Hope Baptist Church observed Baptist Mem. Day Sunday morning. Truman Moore brought a good message and Jamie Pickel gave his testimony. It was really good. Brother Bobby Barfoot preached that evening and his wife, Delda, brought the special music.

Katie Lou Crane was honored with a birthday party on Saturday at the home of her niece, Mrs. Brenda Sones of Madison, with most of her family members present. Katie accompanied Danny, Frankie and Dana Withers and Jade to Brenda's, then they were joined there by Billy and Barbara and Carley Sanders of Brandon, Erick and Stephanie Mills of Jackson; her nieces and nephews Ann, Nan, Mike and Troy Michael Crane from Mobile; Mrs. Lucille Gainey and Ike Bookmaker of Madison. Katie received many nice gifts besides a great meal and lots of sweet fellowship.

Weekend callers to Mrs. Alta Enlow, Brenda and Billy Fowler were Jeff, Laurie, Dyan and Jonathan Enlow.

We are happy to know that David and Glenda Pickel are much better.

Melissa Ellis was unable to attend church on Sunday. Get well wishes go out to her.

Enjoying supper at a Kosciusko fish house Saturday evening were Gerald and Ruth, Pat and Gayle Moore.

The BSU from ECCC of Decatur were guests at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Sunday evening. After the program they enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

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WEEK OF 1-24-00

ECCC GOSPEL CHOIR

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WEEK OF 1-24-00

EC 'Be our guest night' slated on January 27

Area high school seniors are invited to attend "Be Our Guest Night" activities scheduled Thursday, January 27, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The special guests will be admitted free of charge to the East Central and Jones County Junior College basketball games, and will have the opportunity to win various door prizes. Tip off for the women's contest is set for 6 p.m. with men's action scheduled at 7:45 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The visiting high school seniors will also be recognized during halftime ceremonies of each game.

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WEEK OF 1-31-00

ECCC announces Mu Alpha Theta inductees

These students were recently inducted into MU Alpha Theta, an organization for those who excel in mathematics, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Inductees and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Natalie Boggan, Decatur; Leanne Earls and Ashley Deel, both of Morton; Emily Boggan and Kelli Harris, both of Decatur; and Bridget Minor, Little Rock; (second row, from left) Amanda Sessions, Lake; Kristin Johnson, Madden; Jackie Porter, Philadelphia; Romona Corkern, Carthage; and Jessica Evans, Bay Springs; and (back row, from left) Corey Bounds, Newton; Amy Hatcher, Louisville; Ben Dear, Hickory; Cantrell Lampley, Noxapater; Michael Wilcher, Edinburg; Kyle Watson, Philadelphia; Sarah Johnson, Newton; Lance Nowell, Forest; Jason Myers, Philadelphia; and Edd Porter, Morton. Not pictured are Tiffany Farhood of Philadelphia and Mae Walker of Decatur. Lois McMullan serves as advisor.

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WEEK OF 2-7-00

EC scholarships

These East Central Community College students recently received Nontraditional Student Tuition Scholarships to continue their education at ECCC. The scholarship is available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at the College. The scholarship will be available for three consecutive semesters following the first twelve semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. Pictured are (from left) Angela Herrin of Philadelphia, Vickie Lacey of Madden, Anita Campbell of Union, Pam Randall of Philadelphia, Bettye Russell of Union and Johnny Moore of Conehatta.

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WEEK OF 2-7-00

ECCC scholarship recipient

Nicki Pearson of Louisville was recently awarded a $ 500 scholarship from the Mississippi Association of Supervisors to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Pearson, a freshman education major at ECCC, was presented the award by the Winston County Board of Supervisors. From left are Lamar Turnipseed, District 4; Randall Johnson, District 5; Pearson; Board President Bob Goodin, District 2; Michael Peterson, District 3; and Jerry Estes, District 1. rships are rotated among the district counties on an annual basis.

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WEEK OF 3-19-00

EC Players to present 'Anything Goes'

Unforgettable music, creative dance and old fashioned entertainment is how Director Lila Hunt describes the East Central Community College Players' presentation of "Anything Goes," which begins Monday, March 20, on the Decatur campus.

"This delightful Cole Porter musical theater standard from the 1930s is as much fun today as when it was first produced," said Hunt. It features songs such as 'It's Delovely,' 'Friendship,' 'Heaven Hop,' and 'Take Me Back to Manhattan'. She added, "The audience will be wanting to tap along with the dancing chorus on 'Anything Goes' and sing along on 'Blow Gabriel Blow'."

"The action takes place on a ship bound for England," said Hunt, "where Hope Harcourt is to marry Sir Evelyn Oakleigh. Her mother, Mrs. Harcourt, is very pleased that her daughter is to marry a titled, rich Englishman and very concerned because Hope has recently met Billy Clocker for whom she is still carrying a torch.

"As the ship sails, Billy stows away to rekindle the torch. But since he has no ticket, he must continue to disguise himself so the Captain and crew do not find him. He meets Moonface Martin, public enemy number one, and Reno Sweeney, an entertainer, who help him in his effort.

"The play is full of zany situations and characters such as a Missionary and his converts, who are better at gambling than religion, and Bonnie and the Angels, who are entertainers who have found religion but can't get their performance style to match their new perception. The outcome of the various shipboard romances is outrageously funny and unpredictable."

Selected for leading roles in the ECCC production of "Anything Goes" are, clockwise from bottom left, Chris Carson of Decatur as Moonface Martin, Melanie Atkinson of Jackson as Reno Sweeny, Jeannie Fitzhugh of Union as Hope Harcourt and Adam Mann of Philadelphia as Billy Clocker.

Cast members and their respective hometowns include Chad Andersnn (as Evelyn) and Jeannie Fitzhugh (Hope), both of Union; Melanie Atkinson (Reno) of Jackson, Lesli Bonner (Purity) of Quitman, Jennifer Bounds (Chastity), Tim Pittman (Bishop) and Marcie Wall (Virtue), all of Forest; Chris Carson (Moon), Amber Graham (Ling) and Brad Sutphin (Steward), all of Decatur; Marva Cavenaugh (chorus member) of Chunky, Leslie Fulton (Passenger), Brad Harrell (Sailor), Ellis Pickle (Purser) and Joseph Seymer (Whitney), all of Carthage; Michael Hodgins (Captain) and Adam Mann (Billy), both of Philadelphia; Huellen Nutt (Mrs. Harcourt) of Morton, Amanda Pope (Bonnie) of Lena, Amanda Stamper (Reporter) of Newton and Melissa Till (Charity) of Pelahatchie.

Sherry Akins of Decatur serves as assistant Director. Crew members include Celeste Akins and Dexter Akins, both of Decatur.

The musical runs Monday through Saturday, March 20-25, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. Shows begin each evening at 7 o'clock. For more information or to reserve tickets phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1877-462-3222).

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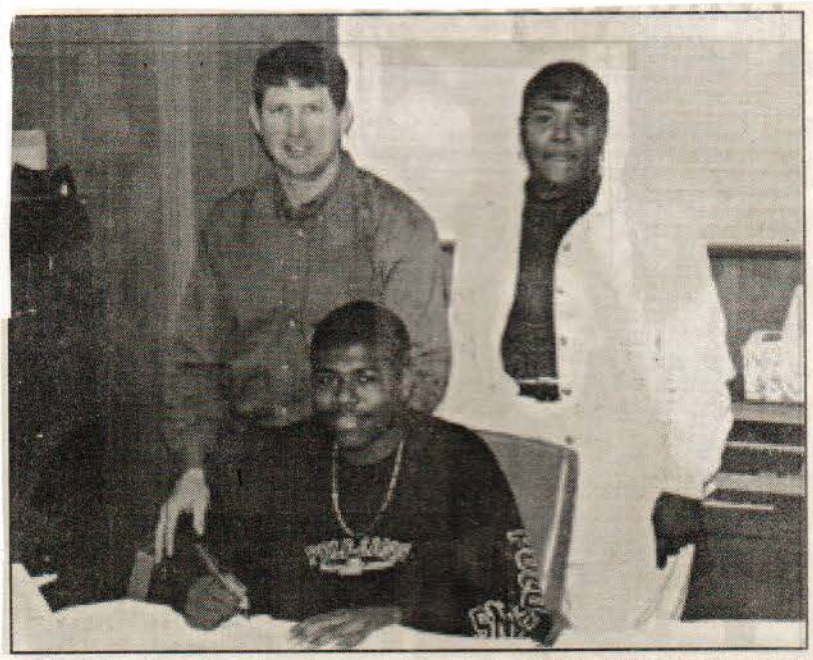
Locals selected to Who's Who at ECCC

WEEK OF 2-14-00

These Winston County students were recently chosen for Who's Who Among Students in America Junior Colleges at East Central Community College. Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Angela Jayroe, Louisville; and Rita Nunn, Noxapater; and (back row, from left) Veronica Haynes, Jerry Nance and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.



Robert Finch, who played guard for the Louisville Wildcats football team, is shown signing to play ball with East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is LHS football coach Tony Stanford and Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finch.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

ECCC to hold auditions for 'Centralettes' March 1

Auditions for the East Central Community College Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band, will be held Wednesday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center, announced Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands.

Carson said a routine will be taught to each student who participates in the audition. Selection will be based on ability to learn the routine, coordination, weight, height, poise and appearance. No prepared dance routine will be required, he added.

Each student chosen for the Centralettes will receive a full tuition scholarship and one hour of classroom credit.

All high school senior girls are encouraged to audition. For more information contact Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 228.

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WEEK OF 2-21-00

Walkers Receive ECCC Scholarships..... Johnny and Debby Walker of Hickory were recently awarded non-traditional student tuition scholarships to continue their studies at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Walkers, both 41, are secondary education majors. They have two children, Jonathan, 16, and Joey, nine. The tuition scholarships are available to qualified Mississippi residents, 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enroll full-time at East Central. Scholarships are provided for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time of full-time student at East Central. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, East Central Community College, P. 0. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111, ext. 204 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-21-00

ECCC posts yet another year of record enrollment

Another year of record enrollments, achievements in academics and sports, and new additions to the Decatur campus were highlights of 1999 for East Central Community College. Retirement plans also were announced by college president Dr. Eddie M. Smith, whose 15-year tenure as the president of his alma mater will end on June 30.

East Central began 1999 by experiencing a record spring enrollment of 2,101 students only to have that mark shattered in the fall when 2,228 students enrolled at the college. A record number of graduates--438--also received degrees and certificates during commencement exercises held in May.

Not only are more students attending East Central, but an increasing number of freshmen return to the college for their sophomore years. According to a 1999 report from the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, ECCC recorded the highest percentage of full-time students who remain at the college for the sophomore year.

The report covers a two-year period and includes data from all of the state's 15 community and junior colleges. That same report noted that EC students who transfer to four-year colleges and universities have one of the highest grade-point averages as compared to other two-year colleges.

ECCC students continue to achieve success in the classroom, as evidenced most recently by graduates of the associate degree nursing and licensed practical nursing programs. The 1999 ADN class earned a 100 percent pass rate on "first write" on the state board exam, and LPN graduates

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One of the many accomplishments at ECCC in 1999 was the construction of an arch with electronic marquee to welcome visitors to the campus. Five students in the photo above represent the counties in ECCC's district. From left: Rhea Ann Thomas, Philadelphia; Andy Chambers, Forest; Leah Fulcher, Noxapater; Chris Qualls, Newton; Shelby Withers, Carthage.

The college's new "welcome home" archway and electronic

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achieved a perfect passing rate for the fourth consecutive year.

A new technical program--computer servicing technology--was added to the curriculum, and the college began offering online courses on the Internet through the Mississippi Virtual Community College Network.

In the area of athletics, the 1998-99 women's basketball team completed season action with a 22-5 record, and the 1999 Diamond Warriors were division co-champions with a 17-7 mark and finished second in the Region 23 Tournament. Last fall, the Warrior football team posted an 8-2 regular season mark and advanced to the state playoffs.

Several student athletes also were recognized as NJCAA Academic All-Americans. Those selected for this prestigious honor must earn a minimum 3.6 grade-point average.

The college's new "welcome home" archway and electronic marquee was unveiled last spring, thanks to private donations that represented most of the funding for the $60,000 project. The archway is a recreation of a similar structure that greeted campus visitors from 1950 to the early 1970s.

East Central began the jfall term with a new student union building, named in honor of Dr. Smith, and a new women's dorm--Erma Lee Barber Hall. Miss Barber is a former dean of women at the college.

East Central also has announced plans to raise $2.5 million for the next major construction project--a new field house for athletics.

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WEAVER, RIGDON SPEAK TO ECCC STUDENTS - Glenda Weaver (second from left), area leadership development agent for the Newton County Mississippi State Extension Service, and Darlene Rigdon (third from left), family nutrition program assistant with the Extension Service, recently visited the East Central Community College campus and spoke to members of New Directions, a support group for nontraditional students, about stress management. The guest speakers are shown with New Directions president Tracy Goodin (left) of Noxapater and vice president Betty Wilkerson of Lawrence. (EC Photo)

ECCC SCHOLARS WIN THIRD PLACE - Members of the Scholars Bowl Team at East Central Community College in Decatur recently took third place honors at the South Mississippi Scholars Bowl and advanced to state competition at the University of Mississippi. Pictured with the trophy are (from left) advisor Linda B. Pierce, team members Nich· Barham and Craig McRae, both of Carthage; Kristen Mills (captain) of Newton and Cliff Edwards of Carthage; and advisor Gloria McRae. (EC Photo)

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Inducted Into ECCC Honor Society....These Neshoba County students were among those recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Susan Adkins of Union, Angela Herrin, Khristan Abel and Jessica Johnson, all of Philadelphia; and Jessi Pullin of Union; and (back row, from left) Asylbek Osmonov and Jason Myers, both of Philadelphia; Tiffany Winstead of Union, and Johnny Cook and Chris Webb, both of Philadelphia. Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya Kirk serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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Inducted Into ECCC Honor Society....These Newton County students were among those recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Natalie Boggan, Kayla Smith and Emily Boggan, all of Decatur; Sarah Johnson and Shelley Lindsley, both of Newton; and Jennifer Davidson of Decatur; (second row, from left) Kelli Harris of Decatur, Becky Anderson of Hickory, Kristen Cleveland of Union, Melanie Robinson of Lawrence, and Bridget Minor and Karla McMahan, both of Little Rock; and (back row, from left) Ernest Brown of Little Rock, Michael Johnson of Hickory, Dustin Addy of Decatur, J. Paul Everett of Newton, Rebecca Massengale of Chunky and Julie White of Little Rock. Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya Kirk serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

Underwood to speak at ECCC

Scott County native J. W. "Bill" Underwood, author of *Making Decisions*, will speak at East Central Community College on Thursday, February 24.

The special program begins at 10:40 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Underwood is the former Chairman of the Board for J. W. Underwood & Company, a successful real estate business he founded in 1948.

The company has constructed more than 7,000 homes while designing and developing 25 different communities that span some 6,000 acres.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Underwood attended Draughn's Business College in Memphis, and served four years in the Navy during World War II.

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ECCC CLASS FAVORITES - These students were recently selected class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (front row, from left) sophomores Staci Slayton of Enterprise and Heather Hamilton of Newton; freshmen Erin Boswell of Philadelphia and McKenzie Mack of Morton; sophomores Tara Yarbrough of Sturgis and Kelly Tucker of Carthage and freshman Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove; and (back row, from left) freshmen Justin Reed of Noxapater and Clay Byars of Philadelphia; sophomores Cliff Edwards of Carthage, Chris Weems of Newton and Michael Wilcher of Edinburg; and freshman Frazier Wash of Forest. (EC Photo)

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EC beauties, beaus

These students were recently selected beauties and beaus in the annual East Central Community College pageant. Pictured are (from left) Craig McRae of Carthage, Bevin Rieger of Pearl, Michael Thompson of Collins, Amy Jones of Forest, most handsome Levin Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; most beautiful LaChelle Gibson of Morton, Josh Sanders of Little Rock, Heather Warren of Morton, and Jon Martin and Emily Johnson, both of Philadelphia.

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EC PLAYERS TO PRESENT ANYTHING GOES MARCH 20-25

Unforgettable music, creative dance and old fashioned entertainment is how Director Lila Hunt describes the East Central Community College Players' presentation of "Anything Goes," which begins Monday, March 20, on the Decatur campus.

The musical runs Monday through Saturday, March 20-25, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. Shows begin each evening at 7 o'clock. For more information or to reserve tickets phone 635-

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Dr. Phil Sutphin, left, talks with East Central Community College students Spence Latimer and Justin Stovall, both of Philadelphia. Dr. Sutphin will become the college's new president in July.

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Cheerleaders chosen, tennis underway at EC

Football and basketball cheerleaders have been selected for the 2000-2001 term at East Central Community College, announced Kim Mangum, sponsor.

Female cheerleaders chosen include Gina Wall (captain), Courtney Graham, Brandi Bounds, Kasey Comans, Lee Ann Eddins, Keri Henley, Kristen Harris, Lee Ann Morrow, Leslie Crenshaw and Kelly Walker.

Alternates are Lisa Adcock, Bethany Gatewood and Candace Cooper.

Male cheerleaders are Lee Thompson, Heath Dye, Andrew Latham, Kevin Cutrer, Jonathan Haggard and Jonathan Elmore.

Alternates are J.D. Craig, Charles Connerly; and Brian Burnside of Carthage.

Women's Tennis team 2-0

Tennis competition is off to a successful start for the East Central Lady Warriors who are 2-0, while the Warriors are 1-1.

The 2000 campaign began on February 18 with the EC women blanking visiting Holmes 9-0 and the men winning by a 7-2 score.

Lady Warriors who registered wins in singles competition included Haley Chance, Courtney Cooper, Jessica Weeks, April Foley, Kasey Comans and Kristi French.

Warriors who won their singles competition were Lee Dempsey, Josh McNeill, Wade Hutchison, Tracy Goodin and Tim Cager.

The Lady Warriors defeated Pearl River 6-3 while the men fell 8-1 in competition held February 24 in Poplarville.

Singles winners were (women) Chance, Cooper and French, and (men) Dempsey.

Winners in women's doubles competition were Chance and Foley, Weeks and Comans, and Cooper and French.

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Nursing students outscore nation

By Sharron White

Special to the Star

Filling the demand for nurses in East Central Mississippi means staying one step ahead of tomorrow's trends.

"We have for the last few years seen a nationwide decrease in the demand for the typical nurse," said Shirley Nell Goodman, dean of Occupational Education at Meridian Community College.

Ten years ago, most nursing graduates were employed as registered nurses in acute care hospital settings. Hospital stays are shorter now, due in part to changes in health care reimbursements from the federal government.

With that shortage of funds, however, came an increased need for nurses of the non-traditional kind.

And area community colleges, such as MCC, where ready.

"We don't have a crystal ball, but we try to listen to what the medical community is asking for and be ready when they need it," said Kathy Foley, associate degree nursing instructor.

"Nursing and health care is still needed and is being provided in a variety of other community settings," said Shirley Griffin, assistant dean of Health Programs and program director for MCC's associate degree nursing program. She said these new health care settings include clinics, home health agencies, nursing homes and schools.

To make the adjustment as smooth as possible for both patient and nursing student, a new curriculum was designed for the nursing program about four years ago. It is currently in place at MCC, Griffin said.

"Nurses are always going to be at the bedside, it's just that the bedside has now moved out into the community," Foley said.

The revised curriculum includes placing a stronger emphasis on problem-solving and critical thinking.

"There again, the hospital community was asking for students who can think on their feet," Griffin said.

Pam Tvarkunas is director of nursing at Riley Memorial Hospital.

"Local nursing graduates are an extremely valuable asset to the hospital system in Meridian," Tvarkunas said.

"It's difficult for those hospital communities outside our area to find the high volume of qualified graduates we see being turned out by MCC and other community colleges near Meridian."

In fact, Tvarkunas said Riley administrators sometimes find it difficult to wait for graduation day.

"We even hire a lot of students before graduation because of MCC's reputation for turning out such a high percentage of board-certified nurses," she said. "That helps the hospital supplement its pool of qualified personnel, as well as provides the student a chance to move that much closer toward his or her goals in nursing."

Because of the high demand for nurses, as well as the high volume of students seeking nursing degrees, MCC began graduating two associate degree nursing program classes each year beginning in 1965 with its first graduation ceremony for 15 nurses in 1967. Since then, more than 2,283 students have earned the title of registered nurse to date.

MCC's practical nursing program has also helped keep the demand for licensed nurses filled by turning out some 1,484 graduates since its beginning in 1963. Following the one-year program, students are eligible for board certification.

MCC also offers a third nursing program for those wishing to become nurse assistants. This 14-week program began as a job training program funded by the state, and continues today to produce dozens of assistants each year.

Potential nursing students also have other options for fulfilling their career goals at two other community colleges in the area.

Student Nursing Certification

Program	Pass Rate	1996		1997	
ADN	MCC	May 95%	Dec. 91%	May 91%	Dec. 93%
PN	MCC	Aug. 95.6%	Dec. 100%	Aug. 88.8%	Dec. 95%
ADN	ECCC	90%		73.10%	
PN	ECCC	100%		100%	
PN	EMCC	71%		72%	
ADN	National	May 89%	Dec. 85%	May 86%	Dec. 86%
PN	National	Aug. 90.3%	Dec. 90.1%	Aug. 87.3%	Dec. 87.4%

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Paula MerrittThe Meridian Star

VITAL SIGNS — First-year students Rolanda Irby and Candice Lamb check Jennifer Temple's vital signs as part of their training for an associate's degree in nursing.

East Central Community College in Decatur has achieved a "superior" rating through its licensed practical nursing graduates, who have maintained a 100 percent success rate on the board certification test for four consecutive years.

"We feel like our students are in demand throughout our area because of this high passing rate," said Kathy Buckman, one of two registered nurses in charge of ECCC's Practical Nursing program. "There are very few community colleges, if any, that have that strong of a passing percentage."

Buckman said the achievement is possible because she and co-instructor, Sandra Thomas, set high standards, and students know they are expected to excel.

"It's that sort of confidence and a lot of hard work on everyone's part that gets us this type of scoring," she added.

ECCC's Associate Degree Nursing program has also fared well in comparison to state and national requirements, said Melanie Gilmore, director of the associate degree program there.

"Our program is fully state and nationally accredited with a job placement rate at 100 percent after graduation," Gilmore said. "We often have clinical agencies wanting our graduates so much that they will create a position for those students before graduation."

Students wanting to reach out for a solid nursing program from another direction might consider at close look at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

After several years without a nursing program, EMCC reopened its doors to those seeking a practical nursing degree about six years ago.

"A practical nursing program reopened here because the need for nurses was so strong," said Denise Tennison, director of nursing at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba and its sister campus Mayhew Community College in Lowndes County.

"Institutions are always looking for students with this one-year program under their belt," she said. "To have a LPN (licensed practical nursing) degree gives the student an option to upgrade whenever it's right for them."

The day may come when there really are enough nurses to fill all health-related job openings in Meridian, but educators in area community colleges said they don't believe it will happen anytime soon.

Results

1998		1999	
May 96%	Dec. 90%	May 94%	Dec. 100%
Aug. 88.9%	Dec. 80%	May 92%	Dec. 91.2%
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72%		100%	
May 85%	Dec. 82%	May 82%	Dec. 89%
Aug. 87.4%	Dec. 87.4%	Aug. 88%	Dec. 87.4%
May 88%	Dec. 86%	May 86%	Dec. 89%
Aug. 80.4%	Dec. 78.5%	Aug. 81%	Dec. 88.5%

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ECCC Cheerleaders Announced For 2000-2001

Football and basketball cheerleaders have been selected for the 2000-2001 term at East Central Community College, announced Kim Mangum, sponsor. The selections were made following tryouts recently held on the Decatur campus. Cheerleader sponsors from Mississippi State University served as judges.

Female cheerleaders chosen and their respective high schools include Gina Wall (captain), Courtney Graham and Brandi Bounds, all of West Lauderdale; Kasey Comans, Newton County Academy; Lee Ann Eddins and Keri Henley, both of Heidelberg Academy; Kristen Harris and Lee Ann Morrow, both of Enterprise; Leslie Crenshaw, Newton; and Kelly Walker, Neshoba Central.

Alternates are Lisa Adcock an Bethany Gatewood, both of Forest, and Candace Cooper of Winston Academy.

Male Cheerleaders are Lee Thompson and Heath Dye, both of Morton; Andrew Latham, Forest; Kevin Cutrer, Neshoba Central; Jonathan Haggard, Winston Academy; and Jonathan Elmore, Puckett.

Alternates are J.D. Craig, Morton; Charles Connorly, Puckett; and Brian Burnside, Carthage.

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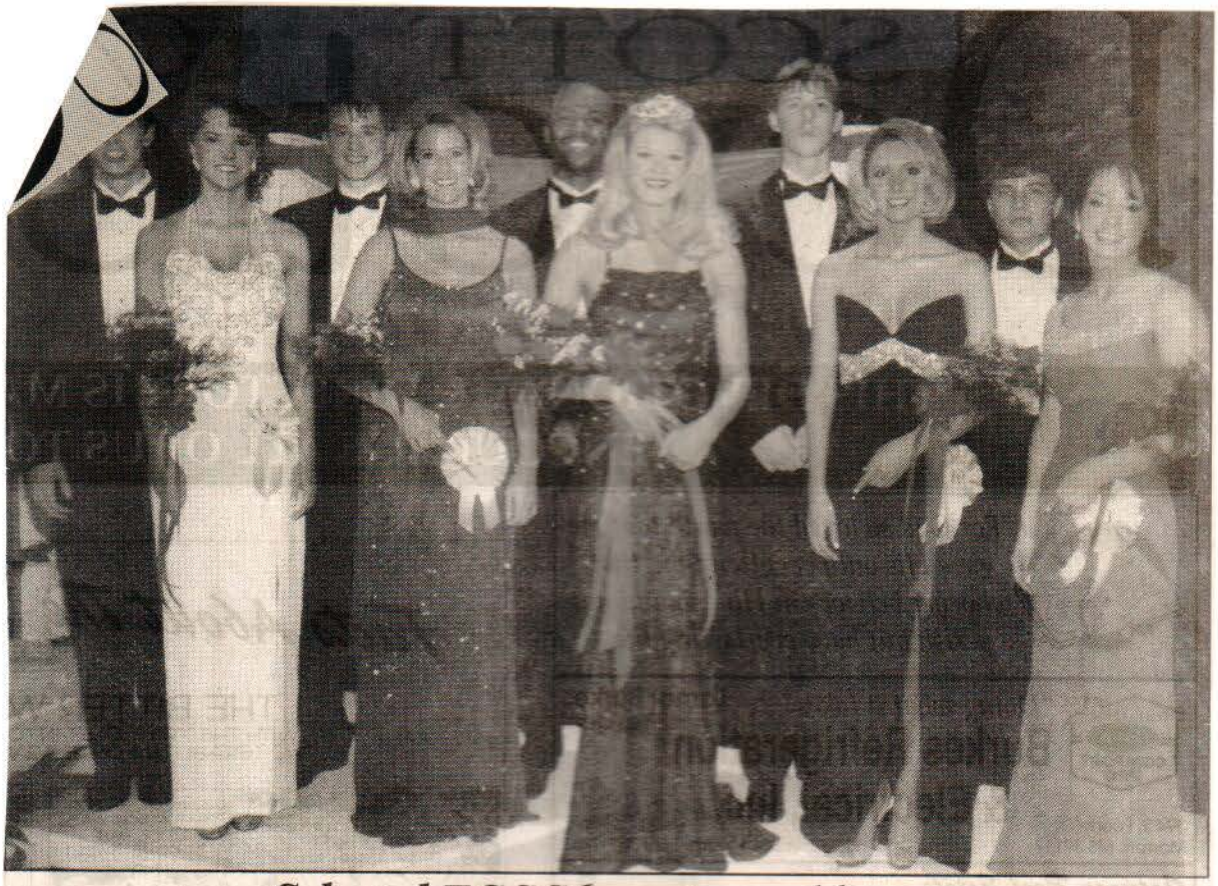

Selected ECCC beauties and beaus

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Weems named scholar/ athlete All-American at EC

East Central Community College student-athlete Chris Weems of Newton has been named to the J.C. Grid-Wire Scholar/Athlete All-American Team for the 1999 season.

Weems is one of only two Mississippi players chosen for the prestigious award, which is sponsored by the Seattle Seahawks National Football League team.

Chris Weems

The selection of Weems, an All-State punter and President's List scholar, came as no surprise to Warrior head football coach Terry Underwood who nominated him for the honor.

"I am very happy that Chris has received this honor and he is obviously very deserving of the award. He is an outstanding football player and an outstanding student. In my opinion, Chris Weems is the model athlete," Underwood said.

Weems, who was a member of the Warrior football team for just his sophomore season, averaged 40.8 yards per punt on 54 attempts. He tied for second place honors among state punters. He helped lead EC to an 8-3 mark last fall.

Weems plans to continue his athletic career as an invited walk-on at Mississippi State University, where he has received an academic scholarship.

A civil engineering major, Weems has maintained a 4.0 grade point average at East Central. He was named the College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working Toward Academic Excellence) Student of the Year for 1999-2000, and received special recognition during program activities held in Jackson.

Weems is also a standout first baseman/outfielder on the ECCC baseball team, and was the recipient of the Diamond Warrior Academic Award last year.

Among other honors he has received include the National Collegiate Engineering Award and J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award.

He was also named an All-American Scholar and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

In addition, Weems participates in various clubs and organizations, serving as vice president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," and secretary-treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students interested in mathematics.

A graduate of Newton High School, Weems is the son of Johnie Floyd Weems, Jr. and Dr. Angelia Weems of Newton.

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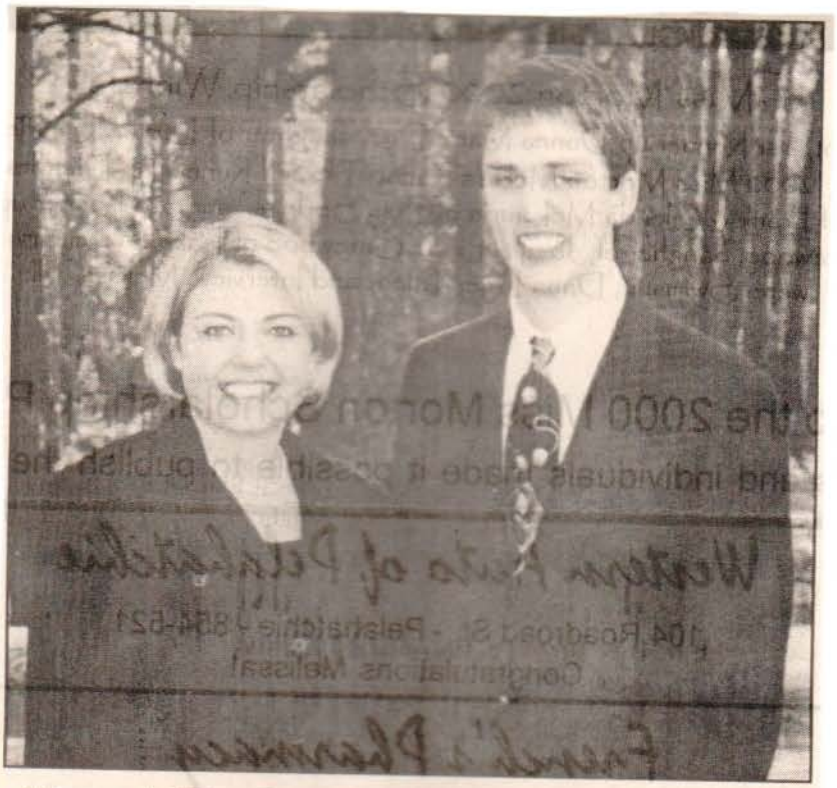

Mr. and Miss East Central Community College

Craig McRae of Carthage and Jill Gray of Leake Academy were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for 1999-2000. The two were selected by a vote o f the student body. McRae is a sophomore computer engineering major and Gray is a sophomore pre-physical therapy major.

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Craig McRae of Carthage and Jill Gray of Leake Academy were recently selected Mr. and Mrs. East Central Community College for 1999-2000. The two were selected by a vote of the student body.

McRae

McRae is a sophomore computer engineering major and the recent recipient of the Margaret Mosel Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Award. A Dean's List scholar, McRae was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

He is the son of James and Gloria McRae of Carthage.

Gray is a sophomore prephysical therapy major. A President's List Scholar, Gray was also selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community College and was chosen an All-American Scholar.

Gray

She is the daughter of Jimmy Gray of Philadelphia and Janice Daniels of Brookhaven.

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WEEK OF March 6, 2005

DECATUR

MISSIONS TRIP: While many college students spend spring break at the beach or hanging out with friends, members of the Baptist Student Union at East Central Community College in Decatur are using their vacation time to perform missions work 1,500 miles away.

BSU Director Scott Vaughn and 13 students are in Maine this week, conducting door-to-door surveys on Christian life in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and doing evangelism projects in Saco.

The students are also spending time painting and cleaning churches there.

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ECCC Receives PTK Honors.... These members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, display the various honors presented to the College during the Hallmark Awards Luncheon held at the organization's regional convention in Jackson. Theta Xi received the Willie Mae Hammill Yearbook Award, the Brotherhood Award, the Leadership Hallmark Award, and the 5-Star Status certificate. Craig McRae of Carthage, who serves as chapter president, was named to the prestigious Order of the Golden Key. Also honored were ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who was presented an Appreciation Plaque, and Ann Burkes, the recipient of an Advisor Service Plaque. From left are chapter members Tracy Latham, Ginny Rigby and Connie Tew, all of Forest; Bridget Minor of Little Rock; and Kayla Smith of Decatur. Theta Xi is preparing for competition at the Phi Theta Kappa 2000 International Convention scheduled in Orlando, Florida, April 20-22. (EC Photo)

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ECCC to hold auditions for Ac'cents, concert choir

Auditions are underway for students interested in becoming members of the Ac'cents and Concert Choir for the 2000-1001 term at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Tony Kinton, director for both groups.

Tryouts of the Ac'cents, the College's show choir, will continue through May 3. Those chosen as finalists are required to attend auditions scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 4, during which time selections for next year's group will be made.

Tryouts for the concert choir will continue through the first week of the 2000 fall term. However, prospective members are encouraged to complete auditions at the earliest possible date.

Scholarships are provided for students chosen in both groups.

For more information contact Tony Kinton, choral music instructor, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111, ext. 367 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 367.

ECCC to present 'Anything Goes'

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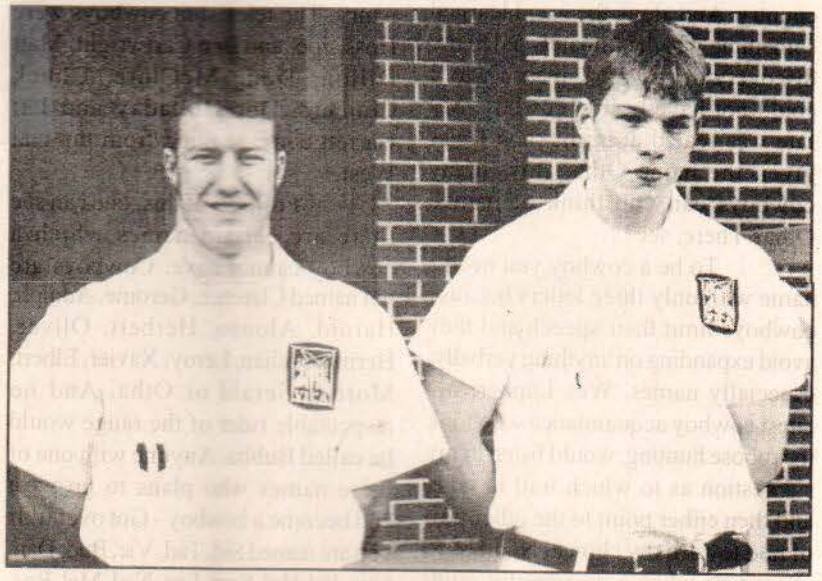
WEEK OF 3-13-2000

District VICA winners

District VICA was held at ECCC, February 4.

(Front row left to right) - Jessie Warren, Scott County, 1st place, Precision Machining; Jonathan Huff, Forest, 2nd place, Cabinet Making; Matt Smith, Forest, 1st place, Carpentry. (Back row, left to right) - Chauncey Graham, Sebastopol, 1st place, Sheet Metal; Matt Reeves, Forest, 1st place, Brick Masonry. (Not pictured, Chris Ealy, Sebastoplol, 1st place, Brick Masonry). All students will advance to State, March 20-22, in Jackson.



District VICA winners

(Left) - Lee Franklin, Morton, 1st place, Residential Wiring (Right) - Kevin Lum, Morton,3rd place,Welding. All students will advance to State, March 20-22, in Jackson.

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EC Scholars score

Members of the Scholars Bowl Team at East Central Community College in Decatur recently took third place honors in the South Mississippi Scholars Bowl and advanced to state competition at the University of Mississippi. Pictured with the trophy are (from left) advisor Linda B. Pierce, team members Nick Barham and Craig McRae, both of Carthage; Kristen Mills (captain) of Newton, and Cliff Edwards of Carthage; and advisor Gloria McRae.

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VICA contest winners

These students participated in the USA Skills Olympics District III VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition and won top honors in the precision machining technology category. From left are Jessie Warren, first place, Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center; Chad Cumberland, second, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center; and William Cooly, third, Jones County Vo-Tech Center. The annual contest is held at East Central Community College in Decatur.

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Inducted into ECCC honor society

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SIFE students visit area elementary schools

East Central Community College SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) members recently visited area elementary schools to teach a lesson on economics. Tracy Latham of Forest (shown above) visited with Linda Guraedy's fifth grade class at Newton County Elementary School recently. Students were shown a video and participated in an activity about bartering, which teaches them how economies trade without the use of money. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Rodeo

East Central Community College's Rodeo Team continues to be ranked among the best in the Ozark Region, which consists of 22 seniors and community/junior colleges.

The EC women are currently tied for seventh place while the men are ranked eighth, following competition held recently at Mississippi State University. Several individuals are also experiencing success on the rodeo circuit.

The rodeo team will travel to Tifton, Georgia this week for competition beginning Saturday, march 25, at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

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ECCC to present 'Anything Goes'

The East Central Community College Players will complete the 1999-2000 season with the spring musical production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." Participants and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Amanda Pope, Lena; Jeannie Fitzhugh, Union; Amber Graham, Decatur; Amanda Stamper, Newton; Melanie Atkinson, Jackson; Melissa Till, Pelahatchie; Jennifer Bounds, Forest; Huellen Nutt, Morton; and Holly Davidson, Union; and (back row, from left) Brad Sutphin, Decatur; Brad Harrell, Carthage; Dexter Akins, Decatur; Ellis Pickle, Carthage; Michael Hodgins, Philadelphia; Ura Seymer, Carthage; Adam Mann, Philadelphia; and Chad Anderson, Union. Not pictured are Marva Cavenaugh, Chunky; Tim Pittman, Forest; Chris Carson, Decatur; and Lesli Bonner, Quitman. Performances will be held Monday through Saturday, March 20-25, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. Shows begin each evening at 7 o'clock and tickets are $10. For more information or to reserve tickets, phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

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ECCC students recieve honor awards

These members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, display the various honors presented to the College during the Hallmark Awards Luncheon held at the organization's regional convention in Jackson. Theta Xi received the Willie Mae Hammill Yearbook Award, the Brotherhood Award, the Leadership Hallmark Award, and the 5-Star Status certificate. Craig McRae of Carthage, who serves as chapter president, was named to the prestigious Order of the Golden Key. Also honored were ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who was presented an Appreciation Plaque, and Ann Burkes, the recipient of an Advisor Service Plaque. From left are chapter members Tracy Latham, Ginny Rigby and Connie Tew, all of Forest; Bridget Minor of Little Rock; and Kayla Smith of Decatur. Theta Xi is preparing for competition at the Phi Theta Kappa 2000 International Convention scheduled in Orlando, Florida, April 20-22.

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ECCC honors Bradford

Jackie Bradford (right) of Forest was recently honored for his service a a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustee Bradford, who served eight years, is shown receiving a plaque of apprec ation from Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia.

Gibson selected ECCC most beautiful

LaChelle Gibson (center) of Forest was recently crowned most beautiful in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant. Most handsome Levi Duncan (left) of Eustis, Fla., was chosen by a vote of the student body. Crowning most beautiful was college president Dr. Eddie M. Smith. LaChelle is married to Randy Gibson and they have a one-year-old daughter, Madison. Mrs. Gibson is the daughter of Lanee and Latrelle Ashley of Morton. Duncan is the son of Levi and Marian Duncan of Eustis, Fla.

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Elected ECCC class favorites

These students were recently selected class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (front row, from left) sophomores Staci Slayton of Enterprise and Heather Hamilton of Newton; freshmen Erin Boswell of Philadelphia and McKenzie Mack of Morton; sophomores Tara Yarbrough of Sturgis and Kelly Tucker of Carthage and freshmen Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove; and (back row, from left) freshmen Justin Reed of Noxapater and Clay Byars of Philadelphia; sophomores Cliff Edwards of Carthage, Chris Weems of Newton and Michael Wilcher of Edinburg; and freshmen Frazier Wash of Forest.

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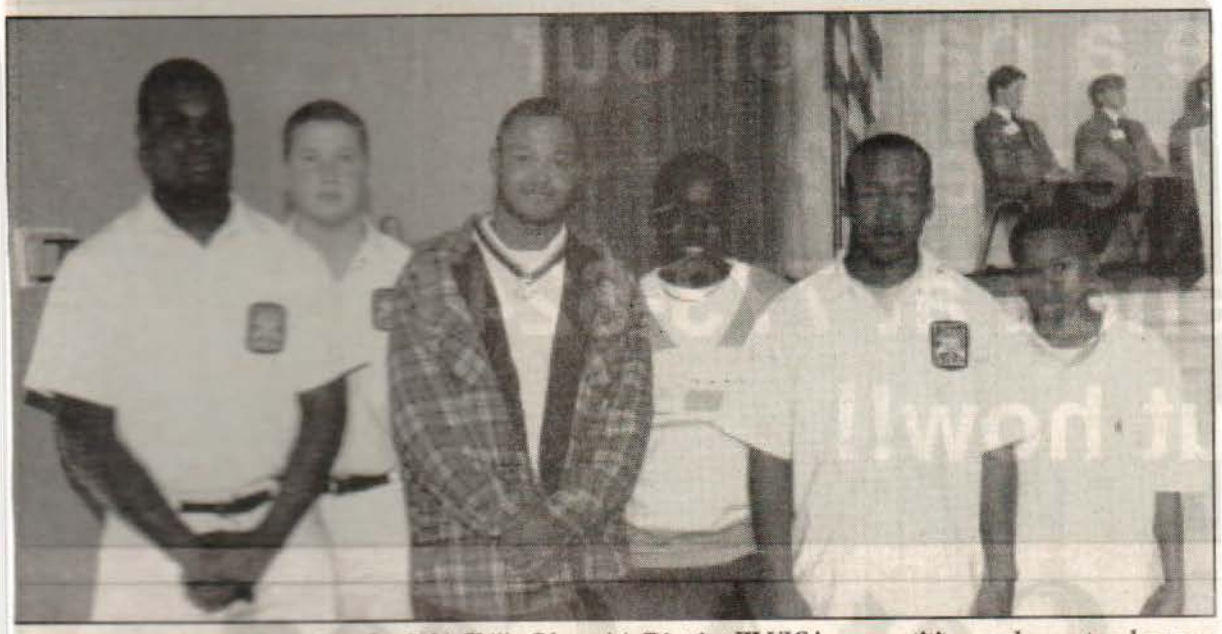
Louisville/Winston County Vo-Tech



These students participated in the USA Skills Olympics District III VICA competition and won top honors in the masonry category. From left are Christ Ealy and Logan Reeves, first place, Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center; Kevin Carter and Kendrick Dawkins, second, Louisville/Winston County Vo-Tech Center; and Jeremy Ashford and James Harris, third, Millsaps Vo-Tech Center in Starkville.

students place in district competition

These students particiapted in the USA Skills Olympics District III VICA competition and won top honors in the architectural drafting category. From left are Areness Boyd, first place, Louisville/Winston County Vo-Tech Center; Kevin Stuart, second, Millsaps Vo-Tech Center in Starkville; and Will White, third A. P. Fatheree Vo-Tech Center in Laurel.

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Working the boundaries

East Central Community College students work the boundaries with clean-up and fire control efforts during spring break work detail at the Old Fort Bayout Mitigation Bank in Jackson County.

18 ECCC students volunteer break time

Eighteen college students and two faculty members from East Central Community College (ECCC) in Decatur spent their recent spring break volunteering at two of The Nature Conservancy's properties, The Deaton Preserve in Greene and George Counties and Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank in Jackson County.

The crew of six men and 14 women spent their first day maintaining the boundaries of Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank an 1,800-acre wetland restoration project north of Ocean Springs, by installing preserve signs and removing debris from the boundary area.

river system in the lower 48 states. While enjoying the scenery the ECCC students saw several examples of the diverse wildlife on the preserve, such as a green snake.

The group gained a better understanding of the importance of ecological conservation and wetland restoration.

David Borland, restoration ecologist, led the students on a tour of Old Fort Bayou Mitigation Bank to explain the natural history and botanical interests of the site. The group also visited the Walter Anderson Museum and the Marine Education Center.

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The Conservancy bought the 1,800 acres in 1996 and plans to recreate the pine savanna where Mississippi sand hill cranes, pitcher plants and wild orchids once thrived. When completed, the restoration land funded by wetland mitigation fees will connect two separate areas of the Mississippi Sand Hill Crane National Wildlife Refuge.

In preparation for future prescribed burns, the ECCC students cut all woody vegetation to prevent a prescribed burn from jumping the fire line.

On their second day the students learned about exotic and invasive species, such as the Japanese climbing fern, that has invaded the Deaton Preserve. With tools in hand, the group dug holes in the earth hoping to find the fern's black roots, difficult work, as the roots are fast spreaders.

This non-native species work is part of a plan to develop a restoration plan for the tract. The students' work will help scientists determine the best method to control or eliminate the Japanese climbing fern.

The workday provided a view of the Chickasawhay and Leaf Rivers that flow into the Pascagoula River, the largest unaffected

To reward the ECCC students for all their hard work, The Nature Conservancy hosted a shrimp and crawfish boil on the Ocean Springs beach. On the beach, the group shared stories of their trip and new friendships.

Each year around the world, volunteers for The Conservancy worked the equivalent of 700 fulltime stewardship positions, a level of volunteerism worth approximately $16 million to the Conservancy.

Based in Arlington, Va., The Nature Conservancy is the world's leading private, international conservation group, with more than 1.1 million members and 1,600 preserves, the largest system of private nature sanctuaries in the world.

The Conservancy has helped protect more than 10 million acres of ecologically significant habitat in the United States and more than 55 million acres in Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. It currently manages more than 6.1 million acres.

For more information about this spring break project or other volunteer opportunities with The Nature Conservancy, call Nicole Anderson at the Ocean Springs Field Office at (228) 872-8452. Visit its website at www.tnc.org/mississippi.

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Inducted into ECCC honor society

These Neshoba County students were among those recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the twoyear college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Susan Adkins of Union, Angela Herrin, Khristan Abel and Jessica Johnson, all of Philadelphia; and Jessi Pullin of Union; and (back row, from left) Asylbek Osmonov and Jason Myers, both of Philadelphia; Tiffany Winstead of Union, and Johnny Cook and Chris Webb, both of Philadelphia; Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya Kirk serve as advisors.

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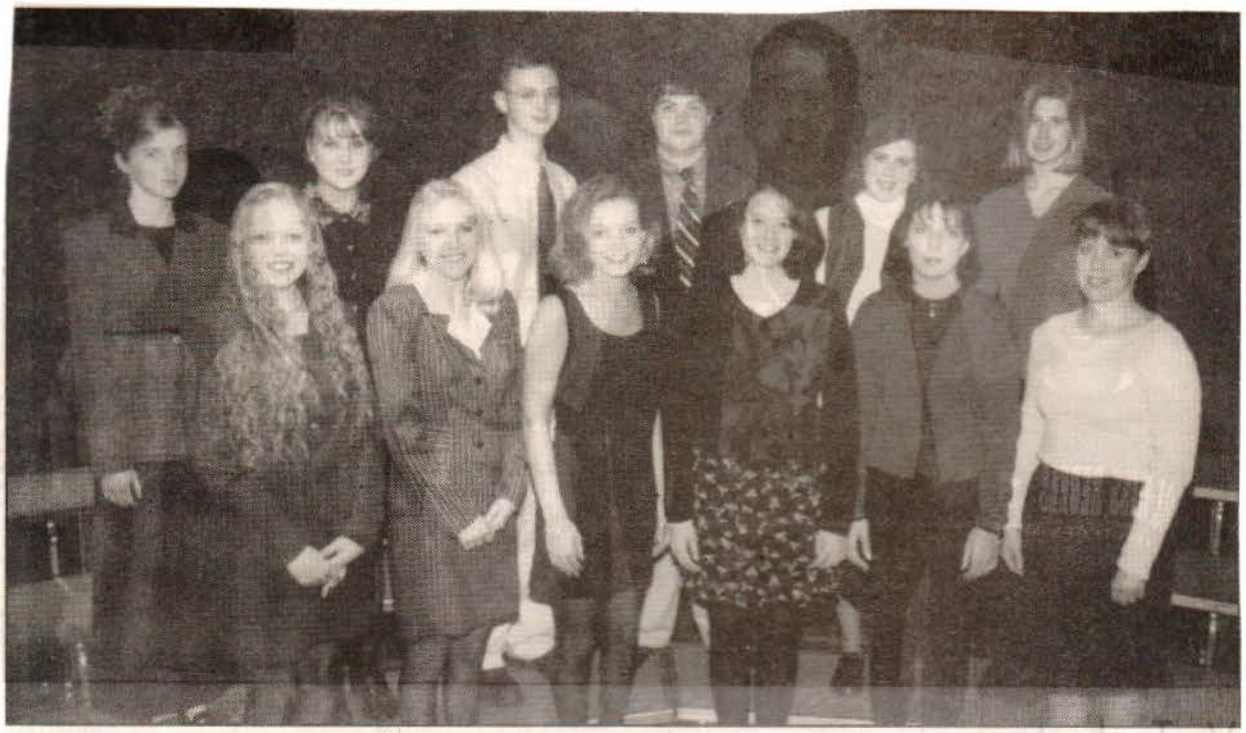

EC honorees

These Leake County students were among those recently inducted into East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average. Those pictured include (front row, from left) Mindy Hutchison, Sherron Adams, Kim Coghlan, Jessica Brown and Codi Carroll, all of Carthage; and Vickie Lacey; and (back row, from left) Ramona Corkern of Carthage, Kristin Johnson of Madden, Joseph Grice and Nick Barham, both of Carthage; Suzanne Dorman of Walnut Grove and Amber Johnson of Lena. Ann Burkes, Carol Shackelford and Tonya Kirk serve as advisors.

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Participate in BSU mission trip

These members of the Baptist Student Union at East Central Community College in Decatur recently returned to campus after spending their spring holidays doing mission work in Maine. The group conducted door-to-door surveys on Christian life in Kennebunk and Kennebunkpot, and performed servant evangelism projects in Saco. Participating were (front row, from left) Tracy Latham and Ginny Rigby, both of Forest; John Cartwright, Corinth; Haley Leach, Florence; Ashli Craig, Morton; and Connie Tew, Forest; and (standing from left) Scott Vaughn of Decatur, BSU Director; Stephanie Parrott, Lena; Jessica Brown, Carthage; Tyler Thomas, Chunky; Nick Hall, Philadelphia; Jewett Perkins, Edinburg; and William Perkins, Forest. Not pictured is Shalene Walker of Forest.

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Decatur's 'Ageless Hero'...

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN – Lorene Graham assists in teaching the adult basic education program at East Central Community College. Graham received her GED diploma at the age 74.

81-year-old student wins 'Love of Learning' category

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The only way 81-year-old Lorene Graham knows how to handle a challenge is to tackle it head-on.

That's what she did when she earned her GED diploma at the age of 74, and when she entered East Central Community College as a freshman a year later at the age of 75.

It should be no surprise that she is now spending her time in the classroom at East Central Community College teaching students enrolled in the college's adult basic education program.

For her efforts and willingness to help others, the devoted pastor's wife was chosen as a Mississippi "Ageless Hero." Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi sponsored the program that honored 24 Mississippians over 65 who excelled in one of six categories.

Graham was the winner in the "Love of Learning," category.

She earned her GED less than three months after entering the program and then, in an effort to learn to use the computer, began to take freshman courses at ECCC.

From there, her desire for academic achievement escalated. She earned her degree with honors, becoming the oldest person to receive a degree in the history of ECCC. She also became the oldest person ever to be inducted into a Mississippi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

Graham first began helping in the adult education program by teaching algebra.

"I just thought it was a privilege. I

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wasn't expecting a salary," Graham said. "I went on helping her (the teacher) and the next thing I knew she had me on payroll."

Graham works with students ranging from their teens to near 70.

She quit school in 1935,when she was 16 years old, to marry Dow Graham.

"I always regretted not getting my diploma," she said. "So when I got a chance I went back."

She said that is why it is important to her to help others achieve goals that only an education can help them obtain.

When she first began taking college classes, it was only so that she could learn to use a computer.

"I had been secretary of my church for 50 years and I said that if the church would buy me a computer I would learn how to use it," she said. "They said they would, so that's what I did."

Her granddaughter, who has a master's degree in English, encouraged Graham to learn about more than just the computer.

"She said, 'Mamaw, there is no need for you to go down there just to take computer. You would just love English Comp under Mr. (Ovid) Vickers," Graham said. "And I thought, well that's right, going down there for one thing just doesn't make sense."

Graham gradually became a full-time student and a fixture on campus. She said she had computer during first period and English during third period, which left her with more time on her hands than she wanted.

"I said I'm not just going to sit here and take nothing," she said. So she took speech.

"After the first semester I liked it so much that I decided to come back," she said.

Graham said she enjoys helping others learn in her role as a teacher. Although she has no precise plans, she says she plans to keep on working.

"I don't know how long I'll stay," she said. "I guess they'll just have to tell me to quit."

Austin Bishop is a staff writer for The Meridian Star. E-mail him at abishop@meridianstar.com.

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Three local community college to be named to All-Mississippi

By **Austin Bishop**
The Meridian Star

Three local community college students have been named to the first team of the 2000 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges.

Adelia Luke of Meridian Community College, Stephanie Sharp of East Mississippi Community College and Chris Weems of East Central Community College are among the 16 students to take first team honors and earn a $1,000 scholarship.

Each community college president was allowed to nominate two students for the honor, who then had to apply and submit an essay. The team was selected on the basis of the essay and letters of recommendation, as well as the students' academic, leadership and community service background.

Luke

The program is coordinated by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger newspaper, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, MACJC and the Mississippi State Board of Community and Junior Colleges.

The winners were honored by the Mississippi Legislature last week. Each team member was presented an All-Mississippi medallion and certificate.

Those named to the first team now move on to compete for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges. That team is sponsored by USA TODAY, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Weems

The 20 students named to the All-USA First Team will be featured in the Monday issue of the USA TODAY and will receive a $2,500 stipend.

Last year, James Rawson of Meridian Community College was named to the national second team.

Luke, who attended high school at West Lauderdale,

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students first Academic Team

Sharp

plans to major in psychology and attend the University of Southern Mississippi. She is involved in many on-campus activities, including being secretary of Phi Theta Kappa.

Sharp, who prepped at Sumter Academy in York, Ala., before attending EMCC, is planning to attend the University of Tennessee and study nursing. She is student government president at EMCC and is also Phi Theta Kappa president.

Weems, who is a civil engineering major and plans to attend Mississippi State University, was also named to the J.C. Grid-Wire Scholar/Athlete All-American Team. He was one of only two Mississippi students chosen for the team.

He was an all-state punter for ECCC, as well as an outstanding student. The Newton High School graduate also plays for the ECCC baseball team.

Weems said the junior college atmosphere was perfect for him.

"Junior college is the place to go for a student to get all of the basic courses out of the way," he said. "It is a great opportunity for any student, because the class sizes are so much smaller and you can get more attention."

Luke, Sharp and Weems all carry 4.0 grade point averages.

Among those receiving honorable mention were Hollie Campe of MCC, Craig McRae of ECCC and Beth Warren of EMCC.

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Hodgins receives ECCC scholarship

Michael Hodgins, a freshman from Philadelphia, recently received an art scholarship to continue his education at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown presenting the award is Bruce Guraedy, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and art instructo

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ECCC students compete at Ole Miss

East Central Community College scholars team members (from left), Gloria McRae, team advisor, Craig McRae of Carthage, Wendy Huff of Morton, Cliff Edwards of Carthage, Kristen Mills of Newton, Nick Barham of Carthage and Linda Pierce, team advisor, competed in the recent 15th Annual Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl at The University of Mississippi. Seventeen teams of top scholars from community colleges throughout Mississippi visited the Ole Miss-Oxford campus for two days of stiff competition in a quiz-bowl format, fielding tough questions in the academic areas of science and technology, mathematics, humanities, fine arts and social and behavioral sciences.

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East Central CC Band Concert set April 11

The East Central Community College Band Department will hold its annual spring band concert Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus, announced Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands.

Groups scheduled to perform include the concert band, jazz band and percussion ensemble. There is no charge for admission.

For more information contact Carson at 635-2111, ext. 228, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

Legal seminars are planned at ECCC Apr. 20

A free seminar addressing two topics: Legal Concerns of Small Businesses, and Estate Planning (Ways to Cut Taxes/Increase Income) will be held Thursday, April 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Attorney Steve Stubblefield of Jackson will lead the seminar, which is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Gold Room at Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. A reception with heavy hor d'oeuvres is planned from 5 to 5:30 p.m.

The seminar is sponsored by the East Central Community College Small Business Development Center, in cooperation with the College's Foundation and Alumni Association.

For more information call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323, 327 or 297.

East Central choir to present spring concert

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will present its annual spring concert Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur Campus. There is no charge for admission.

For more information contact choral director Tony Kinton at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 367.

Collegians present concert April 10

The Collegians from East Central Community College will present their spring campus concert at 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

The vocal/instrumental group will perform the latest hits by Lonestar, Vertical Horizon, Macy Gray, LeAnn Rimes and other artists. The concert will also feature some "surprise guests," according to Thomas W. Carson, director.

Admission is free.

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Win Phi Beta Lambda Honors..... These East Central Community College students won various honors at the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held in Jackson. Award recipients from Theta Chi Chapter and their areas of competition include (from left) Jessica Johnson of Philadelphia, second place, word processing; Stephanie Robinson of Newton, third, impromptu speaking; Jennifer Winstead of Union, second, machine transcription; and T. J. Madison of Philadelphia, fourth, telecommunications. Madison also placed second in web page design with Kristy Turner of Philadelphia, who is not pictured. In addition, Theta Chi Chapter was recognized for placing third in donations to the March of Dimes. The annual state competition includes Phi Beta Lambda members from the state's community/junior colleges and universities. The top two finishers in each contest qualify for the national competition scheduled this summer in Long Beach, California. (EC Photo)

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EC art winners

Bruce Guraedy (left), Chairman of the Fine Arts Division and art instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, recently presented scholarships to the above freshmen from Leake County. From left are Lucinda Kea of Edinburg, and Chris Greer and Tommy Johnson, both of Carthage.

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Display artwork

These students have their artwork on display during the East Central Community College art department's Spring Art Exhibition. Pictured are (from left) Tommy Johnson of Carthage, Rashad Blalock, Michael Hodgins, Courtney Rawson of Carthage, and Timothy Jackson. A reception was held April 19. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center through April 30.

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Receive top honors at ECCC band clinic

The above band students representing high school's in East Central Community College's five-county district received top honors at the College's annual Invitational Band Clinic held on the Decatur campus. Those selected first band, first chair include (first row, from left) Kerri Burks, Neshoba Central; Michelle Winstead, Union; Marsha Frazier, Louisville; Aelena Patrick, Sebastopol; and Amanda Faulkner, Morton; (second row, from left) Andrew Thrash, Union; Elliot Vines and Anthony Barfield, both of Neshoba Central; Adam McCrory, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Jeremy Jones, Newton; Scott King, Sebastopol; Adam McDaniel, Neshoba Central; and Jordan Kemp, Sebastopol. For more information regarding the ECCC Band Program, contact Thomas W. Carson, director of bands, 1-877-Go-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 228.

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These students have their artwork on display during the East Central Community College art department's Spring Art Exhibition. Pictured are (from left) Chris Greer of Carthage, Lucinda Kea of Edinburg and Jenny Snow. A reception was held April 19. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center through April 30. Bruce Buraedy and Todd Eldridge serve as art instructors.

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These students have their artwork on display during the East Central Community College art department's Spring Art Exhibition. Pictured are (from left) Jeff Denson, William Page, Michelle Shaw, Renelda Owen, Celesta Clark; and Shelby Withers of Carthage. A reception was held April 19. The exhibit will be on display in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center through April 30.

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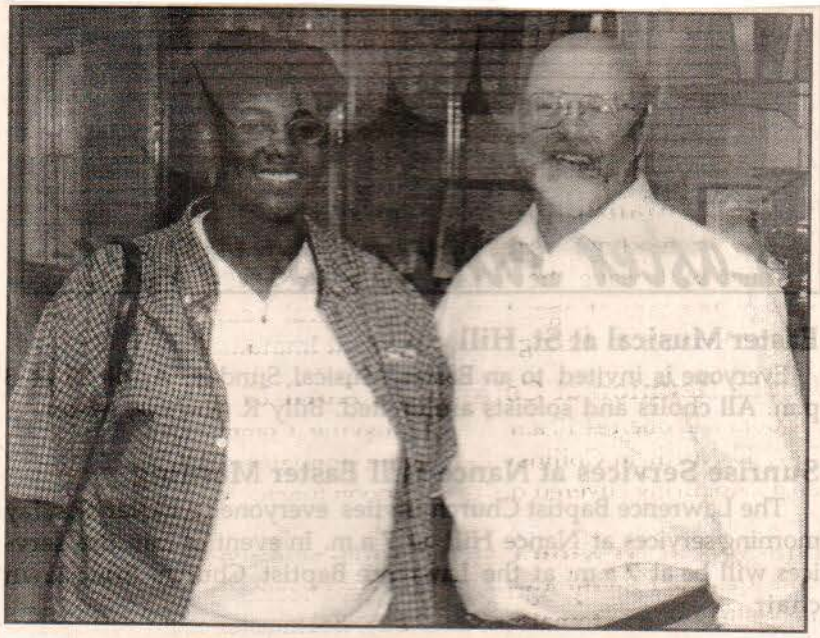

RECEIVES ECCC ART SCHOLARSHIP - Katrina Wise, a senior at Newton High School, was recently presented an art service scholarship to attend East Central Community college in Decatur. The talented student is pictured with Bruce Guraedy, ECCC Fine Arts Division Chairman and art instructor. Recipients of art service scholarships are responsible for providing assistance in the set design for the dinner theater and musical productions; designing layouts for art shows, drama productions, etc.; and serving as assistants for art and ceramic labs. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-17-00

HOSA winners advance to state competition

These East Central Community College licensed practical nursing students received honors at the annual district HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) competition and will advance to state competition. Pictured are (front row, from left) Sharon Gibson of Meridian, creative problem solving team #1; Martha Wood of Philadelphia, second place, HOSA Bowl team; Michelle Gray of Lake, third, medical spelling, and second, HOSA Bowl team; Ellen McDill of Conehatta, fifth, extemporaneous writing; Nikki Nelson of Newton, third, medical math, and creative problem solving team #2; Randi Davis of Lake, first, gerontology test, and creative problem solving team #2; and Rachel Dunn of Decatur, first, extemporaneous writing, and second, gerontology test; and (back row, from left) Mary Johnson of Union, nutrition test and creative problem solving team #2; Mary Chervenak of Carthage, second, medical math and second, HOSA Bowl team; Aaron Hines of Forest, fourth, gerontology test, and creative problem solving team #1; Candra Davis of Union, creative problem solving team #1; Ava Flowers of Newton, fourth, job seeking skills, and fifth, practical nursing skills; Leslie Risher of Pulaski, creative problem solving team #2; and Melanie Fanguy of Conehatta, first, medical math, and second, HOSA Bowl team. Sandra Thomas and Katherine Buckman serve as instructors.

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WEEK OF 4-17-00

Local student selected for national academic honor

East Central Community College sophomore Chris Weems of Newton has been named to the All-USA Academic Second Team, a competition sponsored by USA Today, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

Weems, who was earlier named to the 2000 Mississippi all-State Academic Team, is shown with his parents, Johnnie Floyd Weems and Dr. Angelia Weems.

All-USA honorees were featured in the April 10 edition of USA Today. Weems was one of over 1400 applicants selected for the second team. Selections were made based on an evaluation of the applicant's leadership skills, academic achievements and community service involvement.

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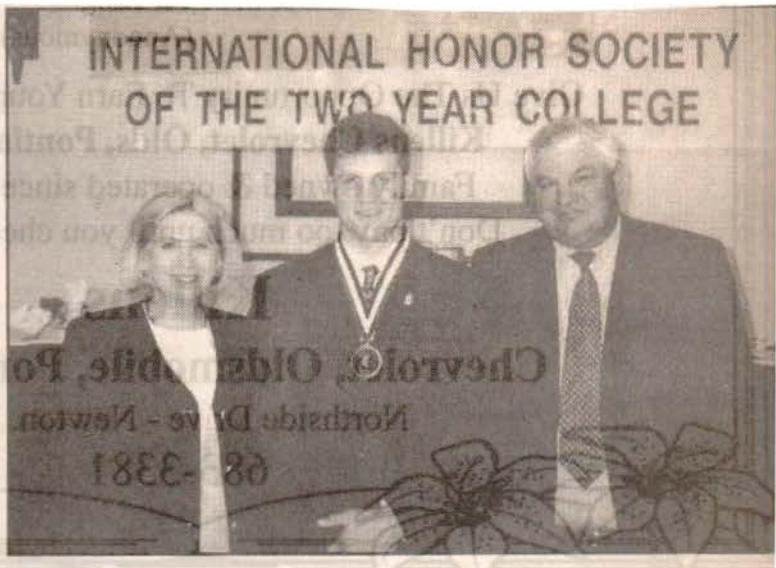

Chris Weems, center, with parents Angelia and Buddy Weems

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He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while attending East Central. He serves as vice president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and is the recipient of the National Collegiate Engineering Award.

Phi Theta Kappa includes some 1200 chapters at community colleges in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Japan and US territorial possessions. Over 80,000 members are inducted annually. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-17-00

ADAMS, MULLINS RECEIVE STATE HONORS - East Central Community College students Marlon Adams of Decatur (left) and Todd Mullins of Louisville (right) received top honors at the annual Mississippi Association of community and Junior Colleges State Art Competition. Adams received third place for his work titled "self-portrait" and Mullins took first place for "untitled". They are pictured with ECCC art instructor Todd Eldridge. Bruce Guraedy serves as Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and art instructor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 4-17-00

Excellence in education

DECATUR — The following local and area students were recognized on the Honorable Mention List for the 1999 fall semester honor roll at East Central Community College.

Brandon Tucker of Little Rock; Jess May, Dustin Renfrow and Sonya White, all of Philadelphia; Holly Davidson of Union; Tomekia Bishop, Stephanie Ward and Jared Woodall, all of Collinsville; Valarie Barfied, Jennifer Beckham, Mary Belk, Steven Belvin, Joshua Black, Richard Brown, Clay Byars, Nicole Clemons, Amanda Coghlan, Tiffany Farhood, Jeremy Files, Erica Flake, Laurie Fulton, Bobby Hall, Gary Hall, Josh Hardy, Darlene Hunter, Monica Isaac, Brian Joiner, Brandon Jones, Tonya Jordan, Justin Long, Thomas Madison, Brandi Martin, Erin McDaniel, Alesha Morrow, Judson Nowell, David Parker, Barbara Pickens, Justin Proctor, Brad Purvis, Beverly Rush, Bridget Sanford, Esther Stovall, Ashley Stuart, Jeremy Thomas, Joseph Tullos, Cynthia Vasquez, Justin Webb, Michael Withers, Jackie Woodard and Paul Houston, all of Philadelphia.

Cynthia Belk, Sherry Dionne, Jayme Ferguson, Emily Germany, Ellen Harrison, Alethia Hitt, Erica Nicholson, Rebecca Owen, Timothy Page, Laney Ryals, Bruce Sharp, Aletha Shaw, Kelley Smith and Kyle Watson, all of Union. Kristy Haygood and Alex Savell, both of Chunky; Rhonda Bell, Hollie Boykin, Benjamin Brashier, Patty Chickaway, Mark Engram, Emily Stephens, Jarrett Thomas, Atoyia Valentine and Johnny Moore, all of Conehatta. Kristopher Amis, Allison Bailey, Cristy Bowen, Derek Burton, Christopher Carson, Stacy Cotten, Jennifer Davidson, Steven Dellaria, Penny Hisaw, Jacqueline Hoye, Jason Johnston, Karri Kerske, Theresa Matlock, Blake McMullan, Kathy Moulds, Jason Pierce, Sonya Smith, Lea Ann Stevens, April Vaughn and Mae Walker, all of Decatur.

Sonja Butler, Terri Fleming, Michael Johnson, William Oliphant, Jennifer Robinson, Joseph Skinner, James Stampley, Kara Stampley, Tracey Taylor and Jonathan Thorne, all of Hickory. Delephine Mayfield, Jessica Monk, Robert Savell and William Savell, all of Lake; Curtis Blackburn, Samuel Bounds and Mary Tingle, all of Lawrence; Dustin Burton, Sasya Champion, Jennifer Crabtree, Matt Dean, Timothy Foreman, Stacy Hogue, William Montgomery, Daniel Munn, Jennifer Sellers and Kelly Tucker, all of Little Rock; Cassandra Arrington, Catherine Arrington, Teri Baucum, Patricia Bolden, Brandi Chapman, Stephanie Evans, Alva Flowers, Robert Ford, Wesley Forest, Jessica Guyse, Keith Johnson, Joshua McCullough, Brandy Mills, Arletha Moncrief, Latricia Moore, Michael Morris, Christal Oliphant, Dorsie Sanders, Joel Skinner, Andrea Smith, Andrea Smith, Amanda Stamper, Amanda Walley, Shawn West and Allen Wilson, all of Newton. Christopher Bankston, Josh Baysinger, Ashley Breland, Amy Burgin, Sarah Campbell, Candra Davis, Julie Fitzgibbons, Rebekah Franklin, Carmen Germany, Belinda Gibson, Mary Gordon, Jessica Harrison, Sheila Hedrick, Robert Hodge, Amanda Kilpatrick, Daria Lollis, Melissa Madden, Leslie Mangrum, William Parks, Alisa Stewart, Heather Sumrall and William Wade, all of Union. Christopher Church, Candice Graham and Shannon McDill, all of Conehatta; Latonya Gray, Chrishna Mayfield, Kendra Morgan, Samanthan Stroud and Kimberly Wooten, all of Lake; Jennifer Abel and Jennifer Carpenter, both of Sebastopol.

Jason Allen, Amanda Barrett, Stormy Burnham, Jennifer Carr, Cynthia Cistrunk, Kristy Cay, Adam Daniel, James Farish, Emily Fulcher, Karen Hailey, Veronica Haynes, Kevin Hindman, Cynthia Hoskins, Nekemia Hudson, Misty Jones, Johnna Levin, Phillip Livingston, Misty McDaniel, Joshua McNeill, Todd Mulins, Sean Partridge, LaDonna Patie, Mary Quinn, Randall Sims, Matthew Snow, Brigette Sullivan, Leslie Taylor, Qunita Triplett, Patrick Warner and Jeremy Woods, all of Louisville; Stacey Blankenship, Austin Darby, Barry Edwards, Janita Hornesbuger, Karolyn Lampley, Brent McAdory, Kellie Moore, Kristi Moore, Rita Nunn and John Wilkes, all of Noxapater.

Terry Boyette, Carrie Gunn and Melissa Smith, all of Enterprise; Veronica Adams of Quitman; Brittany Boney of Shubuta; Kenneth Jones and Billy Harris, both of Stonewall; Lashanda Darby and Jessica Evans, both of Bay Springs; Brooke Broadway, Kassandra McCormick and Sharee Ross, all of Louin; Alisha Bohannon of Collinsville; Susan Boatner, Elesha Hopkins, Freeman Jimison, Katrina Landrum, Fredrick McClelland, Anita Palmer, Amy Robinson and Kimberly Scott, all of Meridian; Krystal Reynolds of Rose Hill; Justin Palmer and Melissa Till, both of Pelahatchie; and Holly Turner of Needham.

The Honorable Mention List includes students with a 3.0 or above grade point average.

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WEEK OF 4-24-00

East Central Centralettes selected for 2000 - 20001

Members of the Centralettes, the award-winning dance line for the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, have been chosen for the 2000-2001 term, announced Thomas W. Carson, director of bands. Carson said selections were made following tryouts held March 1 on the Decatur campus. He added that 38 females competed for 11 openings on the squad.

New members include Molly Addkison, Katy Bourland, Miranda Faulk, and Candice Cooper, all of Winston Academy; Marie Griffith and Missy Johnson, both from Newton County High School; Melonie Moore and Kelli Bates, both of Neshoba Central; Jennifer Cuchens of Newton; Whitney Westberry of Forest; and Claire Edgar of Union.

Returning members are Holly Preston, Mary Tranum, and Nikki Pearson, all from Louisville; Emily Boggan, Natalie Boggan, and Mae Walker, all from Newton County; Shelby Withers and Jessica Brown, both of Carthage; Wendy Huff and McKenzie Mack, both of Morton; Sarah Johnson of Newton; Amy Jones of Forest; and Amanda Pope of Scott Central.

Current members of the entertaining group received various honors in recent competition. The Centralettes won division honors and placed fifth overall in the American Dance Championships, and earlier won first place in the high kick and jazz categories at the Mississippi All-Star Dance Championships. Lori Muse serves as coordinator/choreographer.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER		CARTHAGINIAN	X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES	X	NESHOBA DEMOCRAT	X
UNION APPEAL		NEWTON RECORD	X
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WEEK OF 4-24-00

EC student leaders

Selected to lead the East Central Community College Student Body Association for the 2000-2001 term are (standing, from left) Sarah Johnson, president; Emily Boggan, vice president; Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove, secretary; and Natalie Boggan, treasurer.

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WEEK OF 4-24-00

McRae honored

East Central Community College sophomore Craig McRae of Carthage recently received honorable mention recognition on the 2000 All-Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges. McRae, an engineering major with a 3.65 grade point average, is shown at the special ceremony with his parents, Gloria and James McRae of Carthage. The All-Mississippi Academic Team is coordinated by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

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WEEK OF 5-1-00

ECCC STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS - These East Central Community College surgical technology students received honors at the annual state HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition. Pictured are (front row, fromleft) Lori Hollingsworth of Newton, second, surgical technology; and Gloria Carter of Louisville, fifth, surgical technology; (second row, from left) Cynthia Cistrunk, third, surgical technology; and Cynthia Hoskins, first, surgical technology, both of Louisville; and (top row, from left) Esther Gallaspy of Newton, fourth, surgical technology, and fourth, job seeking skills; and William Perkins of Forest, fourth, extemporaneous health poster. Those who placed first, second or third will advance to the national competition scheduled June 18-21 in Cleveland, Ohio. Janice Jacobs serves as instructor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 5-1-00

ECCC State HOSA winners

These East Central Community College licensed practical nursing students received honors at the annual state HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition. Front row, from left are Alva Flowers of Newton, first place, job seeking skills, and placed in the Top 25 on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Martha Wood of Philadelphia, first, HOSA Bowl team; Nikki Nelson of Newton, fourth, creative problem solving team; and Michelle Gray of Lake, second, medical spelling, and first, HOSA Bowl team; and (back row, from left) Rachel Dunn of Decatur, second, gerontology knowledge, and placed in the Top 25 on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Mary Johnson of Union, fifth, nutrition knowledge, and fourth, creative problem solving team; Mary Chervenak of Carthage, third, medical math, and first, HOSA Bowl team; Melanie Fanguy of Conehatta, first, HOSA Bowl team; Leslie Risher of Pulaski, fourth, creative problem solving team; and Randi Davis of Lake, fourth creative problem solving team. Those who placed first, second or third and those placed in the Top 25 on the National Healthcare Issues Exam will advance to the national competition scheduled June 18-21 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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WEEK OF 5-1-00

ECCC Bandsmen Named All-State.... These members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur received All-State honors at the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Band Clinic held at the University of Southern Mississippi. From left are Dustin Burton and Chris Carson, both of Newton County High School; Joshua Black of Neshoba Central; and Ben Boyette of Southeast Lauderdale. Carson was also named first chair. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

ECCC yearbook...

Submitted photo

HONORS – The 1999 East Central Community College yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo, received first place honors for Best Copy at the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Association Conference held in Biloxi. Shown displaying the award-winning publication are staff members, from left, Bridget Minor of Little Rock, selected to serve as editor for 2000-2001; current editor Tracy Latham of Forest; and English instructor Patsy Moore, who serves as sponsor. English instructor Melinda Smith also provides assistance to the yearbook staff. In addition, Minor, a freshman pre-medicine major and graduate of Newton County High School, was elected to serve as association president for the 2000-2001 term.

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WEEK OF 5-8-2000

ECCC commencement scheduled May 12

Four hundred forty-eight students are expected to receive certificates and degrees at East Central Community College in Decatur when the College's annual commencement program is held at 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, in Warrior Stadium.

Selected to deliver the commencement address is honor student Chris Weems of Newton. Weems, an engineering major with a 4.0 grade point average, was named to the 2000 All-USA Academic School, the All-Mississippi Academic First Team and was chosen a J. C. Grid-Wire Scholar Athlete All-American for the 1999 season.

A President's Scholar and member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, he was recently inducted into the ECCC Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. He was an All-State punter last season for the Warrior football team.

Special music will be presented by graduating sophomores Laura Marie Aregood of Madison, Tara L. Yarbrough of Sturgis and Marva Jean Cavenaugh of Chunky, who will perform Rogers and Hammerstien's "You'll Never Walk Alone," as arranged by Justin Sharp of Harperville. Other graduating sophomores participating in the program are Veronica Haynes of Louisville and Bridgette Stamper of Decatur.

Diplomas will be awarded by Dr. Eddie M. Smith, retiring ECCC President, and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Dean of Instruction and President-Elect.

Candidates for graduation are:

LEAKE COUNTY: Melissa Stewart Atkinson, Anita Louise Bell, Penny Watkins Brown, Jacqueline Cain Coward, Melinda Kaye Davidson, Clifton Glynn Edwards, Todd Jason Greenlee, Christopher Michael Harrell, Wendy S. Hester, Amanda Dawn Hillman, Mindy Rhodes Hutchison, Lacey Anne Johnson, Andrew C. Kelly, LaSonya Kincaid, Charles Antonio Leflore, Craig Michael McRae, Teresa Nicole Moore, Amy Pigg, Courtney Beth Rawson, Rodrick Ray Sockey, Laurie Beckham Thornton and Michael Wilcher, all of Carthage; Richard Lavern Alexander, Ivory L. Bowie, and Joseph P. Robertson, all of Lena; and Shanna Alexander Anthony, Timothy Wayne Boles, Jo Ellen Ladner Comans, Lisa Carol Johnson, Terry Lamar Johnson, Christopher Lathem, James Bailey Smith and Tonya Lameka Viverette, all of Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Heather Denise Anderson, Christie M. Beckham, Cynthia Goss Beckham, Mary Michele Belk, Joshua Charles Bryan, Amanda Hope Chaney, Lisa Michele Charlie, Mike Lee Dearing, Odessa Kelly Denson, Thomas Beauregard Ellison, Jeremy L. Files, Erica Pike Flake, Kendra L. Gage, Jill Yvette Gray, Lorenzo Griffin, Gary Nicholas Hall, Jonathan David Hardy, Josh Hardy, Demeteria Delores Hayman, Emily Danielle Johnson, Andrew Maurice Jones, Brandon Keith Jones, Brooke Lorraine Kennedy, Morgan Yarbrough Kirkland, Spence Ike Latimer, Justin Ryan Long, Thomas Jayroe Madison, Phyllis R. Manning, Jon David Martin, James Nichols, Annie Evans Peebles, Brian Scott Pendergrass, Melissa Pendergrass, James Dewayne Pickens, Beverly Ann Rush, Rendfred Sherrel Rush, Matthew Ryan Stovall, Ashley Williams Stuart, Joseph D. Tingle, Cheree Burch Turner, Cynthia Vasquez, Ashley Vines, Shunnett Wheaton, Marion Margaret White, Kevin Ray Willis and Rameisa Wilson, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Robert W. Cape, Celesta J. Clark, Laura Shows Evans, Alex C. Savell, and Tyler David Thomas, all of Chunky; Rhonda Renee Bell, Durnene Anderson Farmer, Shannon Michelle McDill, Jo Ann Mitchell Smith, Jarrett W. Thomas and Christopher C. Weaver, all of Conehatta; Marlon D. Adams, Stacy Brooks Addy, Sherry Mitchell Akins, Allison Kathryn Bailey, Rhonda Ann Bates, Cristy Perry Bowen, Ashley Larie Byram, Leslie Miles Cleveland, Stacy Elizabeth Cotton, James William Garrison, Jacqueline Denise Hoye, Jason Johnston, Pamela Michelle Jones, Shirley J. Wright Loper, Ashley Lynn McDill, Brenda Hutchison Rose, Penny Marie Russell, Lana Kay Smith, Sonya Harris Smith, Bridgette Lee Stamper, Lea Ann Stevens, Zella Cotton Stevens, Charlotte Denise Walker, Tina Chianelli Williams and William C. Wilson, all of Decatur; Amanda Harris, Michael Corey Johnson, Lalyendia Evorn Matthews, Justin Garrett Mills, William Vashawn Oliphant, James Robert Stampley. Kara Stampley and Tracey Hudnall Taylor, all of Hickory; Audrey Parker Haralson, Lamonica Harris, Jana Nester McGee, Mary J. Tingle and Betty Regina Wilkerson, all of Lawrence; Mary Suzette Crocker, Tammy Crabtree Cutway, Timothy Adam Foreman, Stacy Nichole Hogue, Justin Daniel Lanier, William Kent Montgomery, Margaret Laird Mott, and Kelly Burkes Tucker, all of Little Rock; Catherine R. Arrington, Deloris Blaylock, Patricia R. Bolden, Devlin L. Chapman, Ashley Gerald City, Melissa Renfrow Cooksey, Shelia Mae Curry, Chafony Charmaine Evans, Pamela Lynn Evans, Stephanie Denece Evans, Robert Ford, Jennifer Leigh Guyse, Jessica Lynn Guyse, Heather Elaine Hamilton, David K. Hollingsworth, Carla D. Jacome-Cluff, Leah Michelle Lindsley, Franceani Lyles, Kristen Chantel Mills, Tonya Moncrief, Latricia Danite Moore, Maeree C. Overstreet, Nancy Ann Pugh, Eunice L. Robinson, Stephanie Arrington Robinson, Lakesa Sims, Carolina R. Skinner, Joel Curtis Skinner, Amanda Lynn Strait, Vivian Darnell Taylor, Chris LaVaughn Weems, Angie Denise Wesley, Kenneth E. White, Allen Wilson and Audrey Evans Windham, all of Newton; Amy E. Arthur, Douglas Clay Branning, Jennifer Harrison Davidson, Julie Anne Fitzgibbons, Rebekah Karol Franklin, Kristi Lynn French, Carmen Loraine Germany, Carole Horton Germany, Emily Claire Germany, Belinda Denise Gibson, Amy Ezelle Graham, Janet Rachelle Hedgepeth, Keekee Denise Michael, Derrick Laron Nash, Timothy Brent Page, Bobby Wesley Parker, William Andrew Parks, Lacretia Michelle Pierce, Angie Richardson Rash, Rebecca McDill Rigdon, Charles A. Schellbach, Nathan Oliver Shaw, Stacy Gean Skinner, Kelley Marie Smith, Kimberly Ann Smith, Chasity D. Thrash, Jessica R. Watts and Jennifer Leigh Winstead, all of Union.

SCOTT COUNTY: Jennifer Blair Bounds, Courtney Paige Cooper, Larry Keshawn Derrick, Jeannie Thrasher Hannah, Tesa Lanae Henry, Sharon Robinson Hoye, Andrew Jones, James Bobby Kirby, Tracy Nicole Latham, Ben Lindsey, Stephanie Sheral Lindsey, Tracey Elizabeth May, Jeffrey Stephen Monk, Charlie Lance Noel, Catina LaShell Patrick, Donna Forsythe Reiss, Virginia Lynn Rigby, Latoya Roberts, Shelia R. Sanders, Stacey Bell Sistrunk, John Anthony Smart, Connie Tew, Christopher Thompson, Shalene Walker, Marcie Wall, April Marie Wallace, Wanda Chlorisa Wash, D'Mytris Watkins, Ryan Donta Watkins and Darril L. Young, all of Forest; Justin Edward Sharp, Harperville; Alicia Jenkins, Michael Brian Johnson, Benjamin Lee Martin, Alexander Ardene Moore, Kendra L. Morgan, Elicia Leigh Phillips, Jennifer Savell, Robert Wade Savell, William Roebuck Savell, Demetrick D. Towner, all of Lake; Lashanta T. Lyles, Ludlow; Amy Arinder, Marshall Duncan Beard, Francis Emmalene Brown, LaWanda Nicole Ealy, Marcus W. Frith, Martin Blake Hearn, Karen Johnson, Terry Huellen Nutt, Stephen N. Pace, Edd H. Porter

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and Heather Michelle Warren, all of Morton; Laddie Smith, Pulaski; and Martha Jo Brown, Jennifer Gale Carpenter, Michael Brent Madden and Shanna Marie McKee, all of Sebastopol.

WINSTON COUNTY: Jason Keith Allen, Cassandra Eaves, Brandi N. Goodin, Veronica Monique Haynes, Amy Leigh Herrington, Ree Evon Hickman, Joshua Lee Hoening, Angela Nicole Jayroe, Misty Dawn Jones, Johnna, McLain Levin, Sarah Brook Manigold, Robert McQueen, Amy Isonhood Morehead, Jason Wayne Morehead, Todd David Mullins, Jerry Kelley Nance, Lucas Bradley Nowell, Lori Ann Palmer, LaDonna Fonta Patie, Terri Nicole Peden, Jennifer L. Potvine, Mary Gilmore Quinn, LaToya Antoinette Rush, Dawn Stevenson, Alfred Jason Wallace, Ricco Wraggs and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville; and Austin Shay Darby, Barry Kent Edwards, Gwendolyn Edwards, John Tracy Goodin, Anthony R. Hornesbuger, Brent McAdory, Rita Carletta Nunn, Randall A. Orr, Beverly Reynolds and David Sanborn, all of Noxapater.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

ATTALA: Melanie L. Burkett and Rhonda G. Sutterfield, both of Kosciusko.

CHOCTAW: Katrina Hyde, Ackerman.

CLARKE: Terry Michael Boyette, Carrie Lynn Gunn, Staci Dannette Slayton, and Andrew O'Brien Smith, all of Enterprise; and Laregus Smith, Quitman.

HINDS: Patrick Michael Ferriss, Clinton.

JASPER: Megan Holder, Bay Springs; Anthony Dale Thornton, Montrose; and Rosalind Bender, Jason Scott Davis, and M.L. Walker, Jr., all of Rose Hill.

both of Carthage.

NESHOBA: Lorenzo Keith Bell, Patsy Ann Collier, Kimberly Ann George, Kathy Glass Spears, Aaron Randall Thomas, Jennifer Leslie Williams, Amy Williamson, Natasha Louann Willis and Nedra Kay York, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON: Karen Melinda Rainer, Chunky; Marsha Diane Thomas, Conehatta; Jacqueline Denis Amerson, Stacey Smith Mills, Steven Darnell Morgan, Michael Parkes Roland and Dorothy Latonia Windham, all of Decatur; Crystal Elizabeth Cooley and Viola Dade, both of Hickory; Vicky Leach Strait, Lawrence; Regina Ann Buckley, Little Rock; Denise Lasalle Brown, Michelle M. Parks and Jerlene Wheaton, all of Newton; and Tracy Henley Kilpatrick, Union.

SCOTT: Frank B. Morgan III, Forest; Cassie Houser Hollingsworth, Alexander Mickel Lee, and LaTonya Michelle Pinkston, all of Lake; Lenina Camille Allen, Kelly Jamison Bates and Amy Cooper Massey, all of Morton; and Stacie Bufkin Hall, Pulaski.

WINSTON: Anthony M. Jimmerson, Alisha Lavelle Martin and Jennifer Denise White, all of Louisville; and Dana Jane Misso, Macon.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

ATTALA: Sheneka Berry, McCool.

CLARKE: Stephanie Jewel Moss, Stonewall.

LAUDERDALE: Jennifer Renee Huey, Collinsville and Tiffany Walker, Meridian.

OUT-OF-STATE

FLORIDA: Frank Berry Mroz, Bradenton.

Watkins and Natasha C. Williams, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON: Shondren Marcette Lewis, Chunky; Benjamin Gabriel Brashier and Marty Lee McKee, both of Conehatta; Samuel Corey Bounds, Lakisha Chanel Davis and Houston D. Jacobs, all of Lawrence; Jason Charles Cain, Reginald Arnes Johnson, Sincere S. Moncrief and Christal McMillan Oliphant, all of Newton; and Amanda Jones Dolan, Dea Anne Dolan, Stephen L. Joyner, Darla Dawn Loftis and William Clifton Thornton, all of Union.

SCOTT: Shannon Bagley, Paula Elizabeth Thompson and Gina Hodge Walters, all of Forest; Bruce Brian Bridges and Christopher R. Fuller, both of Pulaski; and Shanna Marie McKee, Sebastopol.

WINSTON: Monica Lynn Smith, Louisville.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

JASPER: Melissa Ann Avary, Bay Springs.

KEMPER: Lamenda D. White, Preston.

LAUDERDALE: Durwin P. Lewis and Freeman Darreyll Jimison, both of Meridian.

RANKIN: Thomas Issac Garner, Brandon.

OUT-OF-STATE

ALABAMA: Jack Wylie, Montgomery.

LOUISIANA: Jeremy Nathan Smith, Thibodaux.

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MADISON: Laura Marie Aregood, Madison.

OKTIBBEHA: Tara L. Yarbrough, Sturgis.

RANKIN: Larry Allen Buckley, Brandon; Theresa Matlock Sanjur, Pearl; and Melissa R. Till, Pelahatchie.

SMITH: Kellie Craft Moore, Raleigh.

OUT-OF-STATE

ALABAMA: Stacy Jack Dial, Livingston; Corry Wayne Manley, Pennington; and David Daniel and Joslyn L. Jones, both of Tuscaloosa.

GEORGIA: Chris T. Ray, Donaldsonville.

TEXAS: Andrew Brian Jones, Atascocita.

1999 JULY GRADUATES

LEAKE: Kenneth Daniel Hannis and Memrie D. Rawson,

1999 AUGUST GRADUATES

LEAKE: Ashley Byram Alexander, Lena.

NESHOBA: Wendy Sheree Conn Belk, Wendy Michelle Cheatham and Pamela Lindsey Morrow, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON: Nelda Engram and Tracy Weaver Warren, both of Conehatta; Rhonda McElhenney Smith, Decatur; and Crystal Moore Tate, Little Rock.

SCOTT: Francine L. Gray, Lake; and Sandra Lynn Coyler and Angelia Roxanne Warnsley, both of Morton.

WINSTON: Bessie Wells Goss, Louisville.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

LAUDERDALE: Regina Ramage Gant, Meridian.

1999 DECEMBER GRADUATES

LEAKE: Austin Matthew King, Melvin Thomas Malone, Jonathan Davis McDonald and David Marcus Middleton, all of Carthage; and Michael Dwayne Beal, Lena.

NESHOBA: Valarie Barfield, William Earl Burnside, Mary Norris Edwards, John Marshall Ferguson, Nykela G. Horne, Alanna Bell McMillan, Barbara Morris Pickens, Evelyn Christine Smith, Valeria L. Stribling, Peggy Annette

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Snow receives scholarship

Jenny Snow, a freshman from Louisville, recently received an art scholarship to continue her education at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown presenting the award is Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the division of Fine Arts and art instructor.

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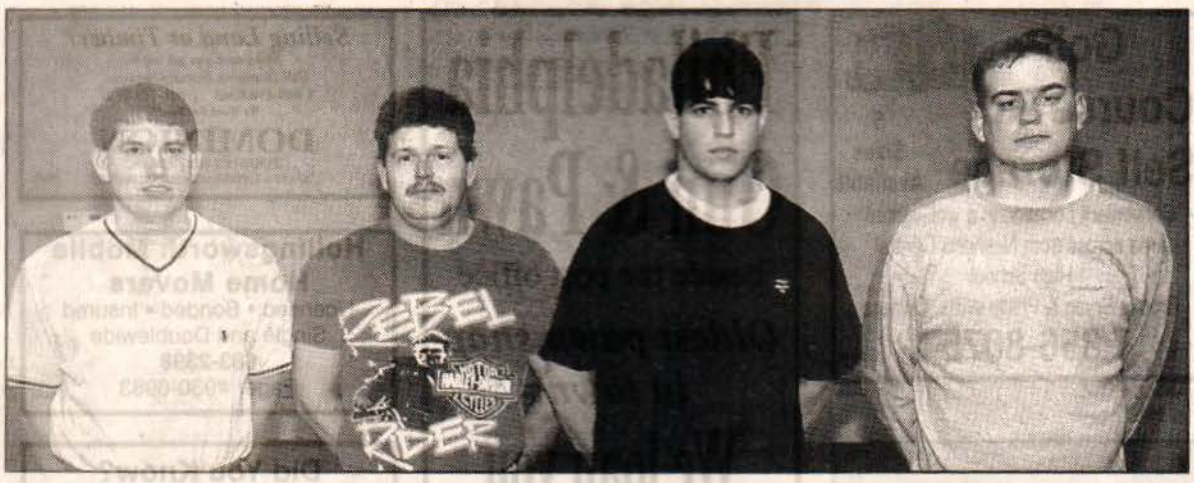

ECCC VICA winners

These East Central Community College VICA (Vocational Industrialized Clubs of America) students recently took top honors in the annual state VICA Skills Contest. From left are Bill Wilson of Decatur, first place in major appliance repair; Stephen Walker of Meridian, second in automotive technology; Jeremy Files of Philadelphia, second in collision repair technology; and Ben Stewart of Forest, third in carpentry. Not pictured are Yolanda Whitfield of Newton, third in cosmetology; Tammy Munn of Morton, third in cosmetology; and Corey Moore of Carthage, third in residential installation. Moore was also elected state historian along with Matt Eddins of Pachuta who was selected state parlamentarian.

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ADN students bury capsule

Students in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at East Central Community College recently buried a time capsule on the Decatur campus with articles representing the period from the late 1900s to early 2000. The capsule is to be opened prior to the spring graduation ceremonies in the year 2050. At right is ASNEC president Kellie Moore of Noxapater. Also pictured are (at left) ADN student Richard Alexander of Lena and (back, l to r) Director of Associate Degree Nursing Melanie Gilmore and ADN instructors Brenda Whatley Kirby, Wendy Buchanan Moore, Lisa Gorgas and Cynthia Gaudin.

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East Central's Collegians headed to New York City

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

When Tom Carson sent a video to officials at Walt Disney World 11 years ago, it was more of an afterthought than anything else.

He really didn't expect the college band he directs, The Collegians, to be invited to perform at the Orlando, Fla., tourist destination

"Honestly, I had forgotten about it," said Carson, director of bands at East Central Community College.

But when The Collegians accepted the eventual invitation to perform at Disney World, it began a string of 11 straight years in which The Collegians have traveled to make a summertime appearance.

This year, the rock-and-roll band will pay a visit to New York City to perform at the South Street Seaport in Manhattan.

"It's a big touristy area on the Hudson River," Carson said. "It will be a totally new experience for most of the students. They are real excited about it."

Carson and the 21 members of his entourage will leave the Decatur campus of ECCC at 3 a.m. Thursday and will perform at noon on Sunday.

The group will get a chance to see a lot of the tourist attractions on Saturday, such as the Statue of Liberty.

"But the highlight of the trip is the performance," Carson said of the one-hour show his group will put on.

Carson formed The Collegians 18 years ago to offer ECCC students a little something different.

"So many colleges have show choirs and jazz bands," he said. "There are so many kids who are looking for another avenue to express themselves and this is a good way to do it."

Members of The Collegians are given college credit and can also earn scholarships.

Carson arranges all of the music himself, and actually performs in the band as well.

"A lot of the former and current band members still perform in rock-and-roll bands," he said.

Last year, The Collegians visited The Bahamas and performed on a cruise trip.

"I just keep wondering how I'm going to top the previous year," Carson said. "We really caught a break with getting a chance to go to the Bahamas and we caught a break again this year."

He said the students pay for the trips themselves.

Carson said the biggest highlight in the group's 11-year existence came in 1996 when they performed at the Summer Olympics.

As far as next year goes, Carson is still working on it.

"Nothing is set, but it probably won't be as big," he said. But then he added that he did have an invitation to perform in China.

"But that may be doing a little too much," he said. "But you never know."

Austin Bishop is a staff writer for The Meridian Star. E-mail him at abishop@meridianstar.com.

The Collegians

Members of The Collegians are: Andy Murphy of Meridian; Dustin Burton, Jason Gaines, Lucas Majure, Chris Carson, Robert Savell and Josh Sanders of Decatur; Adam Mann, Jason Alford, Joshua Black, Mark Eakes, Brittany Bane and Nathan Shaw of Philadelphia; Ryan Woodard, Nicki Peden, Jason Wallace and Amber Gainer of Louisville; Beckie Fulton and Craig McRae of Carthage; Ashley Byram of LaCenter, Ky.; and Frazier Wash of Forest.

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ECCC SPECIAL HONOREES - Recipients of "special" awards presented at the East Central Community College annual Awards Day program include (seated, from left) William Savell of Lake, citizenship; Heather Cushman of Forest, The Tom-Tom Award; Stacy Skinner, Wo-He-Lo Award; Adam Mann of Philadelphia, EC Players; Laurie Aregood of Madison, ECCC Singers (Concert Choir); Ginny Rigby of Forest, ECCC Singers (Ac'cents); Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla., Ken Jernigan, Robert McQueen and Quin Moore, all of Louisville and Adrin Gordon of Meridian, ECCC Gospel Choir awards; Bridget Minor of Little Rock, EC Environmental Club; Joshua Black of Philadelphia, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Angie Richardson Rash of Union, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education; and Melanie Robinson of Lawrence, Kappa Kappa Iota. Not pictured is Ellis Harrison of Walnut Grove, ECCC Gospel Choir, and Amber Johnson of Lena, L. B. Simmons History Award. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Beauties, Beaus

These students were recently selected beauties and beaus in the annual East Central Community College pageant. From left are Craig McRae of Carthage, Bevin Rieger of Pearl, Michael Thompson of Collins, Amy Jones of Forest, most handsome Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla., most beautiful LaChelle Gibson of Morton, Josh Sanders of Little Rock, Heather Warren of Morton and Jon Martin and Emily Johnson, both of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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Six inducted into ECCC Hall of Fame

East Central Community College recently observed its annual "Awards Day" program on the Decatur campus. Numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. to be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute too the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 1999-2000 include Christy Bowen of Decatur, Nykela Horne of Philadelphia, Craig McRae of Carthage, William Sawell of Lake, Staci Slayton of Enterprise and Chris Weems of Newton.

ters, Ashleigh and Katelyn. Although Bowen has a bachelor's degree in Human Growth and Development from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee, she chose to pursue a career in nursing. She currently works part-time at the heart institute of St. Dominics Medical Center in Jackson.

the concert band, Jazz band and percussion ensemble. He served as a technician for the Collegians.

McRae was named to the Honorable Mention team of the 2000 All Mississippi Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges, which is coordinated by the Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

He was awarded the Margaret Mosal Leadership Award, the National Collegiate Engineering Award and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was recently selected Mr. East Central Community College.

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Bowen is a member of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central (ASNEC) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses of Mississippi. She was also named to the ASNEC Hall of Fame. In addition, Bowen is actively involved in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. She is a Dean's List Scholar and was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

One of those nominated Bowen for this honor wrote, "Cristy is a very dedicated and active supporter of East Central. she is a pleasure to be around and works very hard at whatever she attempts. She is not satisfied with 'getting by' but maintains an excellent GPA while being a full-time wife and mother."

She is married to ECCC Men's Basketball Coach Jay Bowen. They have two daugh-

Horne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Horne of Philadelphia. She is actively involved in a number of student organizations at East Central including the Student Education Association, Phi Theta Kappa and the Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various campus events and activities.

She also served as a cheerleader and was selected as a freshman class favorite and freshman homecoming maid. Horne was named as an All-American Scholar and received a National Minority Leadership Award. She is also included in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and has been listed as a President's List Scholar each of the four semesters she has attended East Central.

One of those nominating Horne said, "Nykela is a well-rounded, captivating and intelligent young lady. Her maturity, work ethic, character and Christian morals are beyond reproach and are rarely found in today's youth."

McRae is the son of James and Gloria McRae of Carthage. He serves as president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon ("The Engineers") president of the Presidents Council and secretary of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for those excelling in mathematics.

He is also a member of the Wall O'Sound Marching Band,

Those who nominated him wrote, "Craig is a conscientious, responsible student who is respected by both his peers and instructors. He not only exhibits strong leadership qualities and good study habits, but exemplary character as well. Craig has maintained an excellent academic record and at the same time, has spent numerous hours fulfilling the duties that accompany the variety of activities in which he participates."

Savell is a member of the Warrior Corps, the Baptist Student Union, the East Central Environmental Club, The East Central Concert Choir and the Wall O' Sound Marching Band. In addition, he was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Those who nominated him wrote, "He is a fine Christian young man who cares deeply for his fellow students. He is a mature student who has the highest moral character and impeccable integrity."

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He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Savell of Lake.

Slayton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Slayton of Enterprise. She has been a cheerleader for two years and currently serves as captain of the squad. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the Student Body Association and the dormitory council.

She is also a member of the President's Council, Phi Theta Kappa and the Warrior Corps. Slayton was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and has been a President's List Scholar for four semesters.

One of those nominated Slayton wrote, "During her two years at East Central, Staci has been actively involved in many campus organizations. She has served in various leadership roles including head cheerleader and sophomore class treasurer. She's one who always has a smile on her face whether she is making her way across campus to class or on the sidelines cheering for the Warrior football team."

Weems is a President's List Scholar who serves as vice president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. He was named East Central's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Student of the year for 1999-2000 and was named too the Second Team ALL-USA Two Year College Academic Team.

He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and played both football and baseball at East Central. He received the outstanding academic award in both sports and was named an NJCAA Distinquished Academic All American.He was selected as one of the Clarion-Ledger's Honorable Mention top 25 JUCO recruits and was selected an All-State football player. He is an invited walk-on at Mississippi State University.

Weems was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and received a National Collegiate Engineering Award. He was named to the J. C., Gridwire Scholar/Athlete All-American Team for the 1999 season.

Those nominating him wrote, "Chris Weems is humble, honest, polite and dependable. He is the ideal student and will make a contribution to his chosen profession. He is the epitome of the student-athlete. He has tremendous work ethic and the drive and determination that will lead to success in his chosen field - engineering.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Weems of Newton.

Photographs of these students will hand in the Hall of Fame collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

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ECCC drama awards

These East Central Community College students received acting awards at the annual EC Players banquet. First row from left are Lesli Bonner of Quitman, best female choral vocalist; Sherry Akins of Decatur, technician award; Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, best female bit part with lines and best female dancer; and Melanie Atkinson, best female vocalist and best actress. In back are Chris Carson of Decatur, best male choral vocalist, best supporting actor, best male vocalist and best dancer; Chad Anderson of Union, best male bit part with lines; Ura Seymer of Carthage, best cameo; Dustin Burton of Little Rock, best orchestra member; and Adam Mann of Philadelphia, best male dancer, most improved, best poetic delivery and best actor. Not pictured are Amanda Pope of Lena, best supporting actress, and Marcie Wall of Forest, best bit part without lines. Lila Hunt serves as sponsor of the EC Players. (EC photo)

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ECCC SIFE team takes top honors

Members of Students in Free Enterprise at East Central Community College recently took top honors at the SIFE Regional Exposition in Memphis, Tenn. Seated from left are Connie Tew, Tracy Latham and Ginny Rigby, all of Forest, and SIFE sponsor Wanda Moore. In back are Jareel Combest of Louisville and Asylbek Osmonov of Kyrgyzstan, who now resides in Philadelphia. The SIFE team was named Champion of the Regional Exposition and also won Success 2000 competition, which involved teaching under-educated and potential welfare dependent people how to be successful in the year 2000. The team will travel to Kansas City, Mo., May 21 through May 23, where they will participate in national competition. (EC photo)

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Burroughs receives ECCC award

Ashley Burroughs of Union was presented the Opal McMullan Dickinson Elementary Education Award during Awards Day activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown making the presentation is Alice Pouncey, psychology instructor.

ECCC Collegians to perform in New York May 28

The Collegians, East Central Community College's pop/rock vocal and instrumental group, will represent the College and Mississippi as they take on the "Big Apple" May 28.

"This will be the eleventh year the group has been invited to perform nationally," said Thomas W. Carson, director. "After sailing to the Bahamas last year, I didn't think we would get another big break the following year, but here we are representing ECCC in such an exciting venue as New York!" he added.

The Collegians will perform at 2 p.m. at the South Street Seaport in downtown New York City. Members of the group include Dustin Burton, Jason Gaines, Lucas Majure, Chris Carson, Josh Sanders and Robert Savell, all of Decatur; Beckie Fulton and Craig McRae, both of Carthage; Amber Gainer, Nicki Peden, Jason Wallace and Ryan Woodard, all of Louisville; Ashley Byram of LaCenter, Ky.; Mark Eakes, Joshua Black, Brittany Bane, Nathan Shaw, Jason Alford and Adam Mann, all of Philadelphia; Frazier Wash of Forest; and Andy Murphy of Meridian.

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Receives EC technical awards

These East Central Community College students received technical honors at the college's annual awards day program. Honorees include, seated, from left, Jeremy Files of Philadelphia, collision repair technology; Fred McClelland of Meridian, automotive service technology; Mary Tingle of Lawrence, child development technology; Betty Wilkerson of Lawrence, computer technology and Technical Student of the Year; Christopher Weaver of Conehatta, electrical technology; and Andrew Smith of Enterprise, electronic technology. Standing are Christopher Thompson of Forest, gerontology technology; Bill Wilson of Decatur, heating and air conditioning technology; Jody Addy of Decatur, machine shop technology; T. J. Madison of Philadelphia, network support technology; Richard Lancaster of Newton, O. L. Newell Memorial Drafting; and Lori Hollingsworth of Newton, surgical technology. (EC photo)

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ECCC vocational award recipients

These East Central Community College students received vocational honors at the college's annual awards day program on the Decatur campus. Honorees include, seated, from left, Kasey Comans of Decatur, vocational student of the year; Linda Pierce of Union, cosmetology; and standing, James B. Smith of Walnut Grove, cabinet-making; Benjamin Stewart of Forest, carpentry; J. C. Skinner of Hickory, welding and cutting; and Melanie Fanguy of Conehatta, licensed practical nursing. (EC photo)

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Alumni memorial awards

These East Central Community College students received Alumni Memorial Awards at the College's annual Awards Day program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Randall A. Orr of Noxapater, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Craig McRae of Carthage, W.A. Coursey, Jr., Engineering and Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Chris Weems of Newton, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Margaret Mott of Little Rock, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology; Sarah Johnson of Newton, Leon Eubanks Kaljc-Peers; and Khristan Abel of Philadelphia, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; and (standing, from left) Chris Vanetten of Forest, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; Stacy Skinner of Union, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; Lamond Bowie of Morton, Howard Sessums; Lacey McBeath and Josh Hardy, both of Philadelphia, Andrew F. Webb Football; and Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, Alatha Chaney English.

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EC "piggy" awards

These East Central Community College students received "piggy" awards at the annual EC Players banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Brad Sutphin of Decatur, Best on stage director a.k.a. 'move over, move over;" Ura Seymer of Carthage, best exit when your scene is skipped; Huellen Nutt of Morton, best tremble; Amanda Stamper, oops wrong costume; and Michael Hodgins, best prayer position. Lila Hunt serves as sponsor of the EC Players.

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Receive ECCC Faculty Memorial Awards..... These East Central Community College students received Faculty Memorial Awards at the College's annual Awards Day program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Beverly Reynolds of Noxapater, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Amy Arthur of Union, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; and Lisa Adcock of Forest, General William Patrick Wilson Academic; and (standing, from left) Ben Boyette of Meridian, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Ashley Jones of Forest, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry and J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Jennifer Winstead of Union, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; and Lucas Majure of Decatur, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology. (EC Photo)

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Special award winners

Above are East Central Community College students who received "special" honors at the College's annual "Awards Day" program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Johnny Cook of Philadelphia, Ashley Jones of Forest and Alicia Purvis of Morton, freshman mathematics awards; Craig McRae of Carthage, sophomore mathematics award; Kelly Tucker of Little Rock, sophomore mathematics and secondary education awards; Chris Weems of Newton, sophomore mathematics award and Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in athletics; Joshua McNeil of Louisville, S. Lebrun Hutchison award; and Jessie Vanetten of Forest, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletics; and (standing, from left) Bridget Minor or Little Rock, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Rosalind Bender of Rose Hill, Gwen Edwards of Noxapater, Rebecca McDill Rigdon of Union and Annie Peebles of Philadelphia, Mississippi Business Education Association awards; Natalie Boggan of Decatur, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant; Brooke Kennedy of Philadelphia, Spanish award; and Johnna Levin, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement award. Not pictures is Melissa Pendergrass of Philadelphia, freshman mathematics award.

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Cumberland inks pact with ECCC

Lori Cumberland, daughter of Randy and Doylene Cumberland, has signed to play basketball at East Central Community College.

Cumberland, a small forward at Leake Academy, was named all district two years, all state one year, all-south state one year, and all overall one year, in addition to claiming all-star honors.

"We're excited to have her," said Brad Hodge of the ECCC coaching staff. "She's a good citizen. She has high character. She should have no trouble fitting in. Academically she's got good standards."

"Her athletic abilities are what we need and we desire in our program," he continued.

"She's been well-coached, Doyle Wolverton probably has one of the best programs in Mississippi."

Cumberland, Hodge said, has the ability to penetrate a defense or shoot long. "They have to guard her in both directions," he said.

Name: Lori Cumberland
School: Leake Academy
Sport: Basketball
Signed: East Central
Comment: "We're excited to have her. She's a good citizen. She has high character. She should have no trouble fitting in."
Brad Hodge, ECCC coach

East Central signs Smith in baseball

East Central Community College signed a scholarship pact Tuesday morning with Carthage High School's Brett Smith.

Smith, son of Bruce and Debbie Smith, lettered three years with the CHS Tigers at second base.

His senior year he posted a .444 average and popped two home runs.

He was named the team's best offensive player for two years, and as a sophomore and junior was named to the all-district team.

"We're losing our whole middle infield, so we've got to restock there," said ECCC baseball coach Jaymie Clark.

"He's a tough, hard-nosed player and that's what we're looking for. He doesn't mind getting his uniform dirty, and he doesn't mind getting his knees and elbows skinned.

"In college baseball you've just got to have a tougher player than you do in high school."

Name: Brett Smith
School: Carthage High
Sport: Baseball
Signed: East Central
Comment: "He's a tough, hard-nosed player, and that's what we're looking for. He doesn't mind getting his uniform dirty and he doesn't mind getting his knees and elbows skinned."

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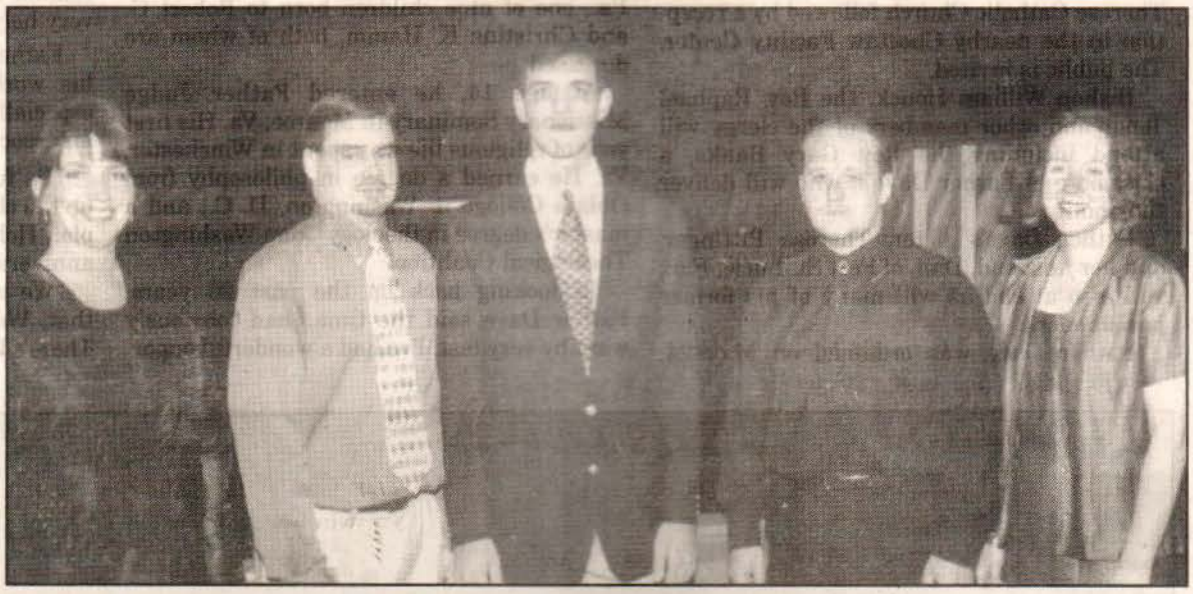

Performers at ECCC recital

Performers during a recent recital at East Central Community College are, from left, Leesa Wilkinson, music/keyboard instructor; sophomores Jason Alford, saxophonist, of Philadelphia and Justin Sharp, pianist, of Harperville; freshman Joshua Black, trombonist, of Philadelphia; and Tonya Morgan-Kirk, music/keyboard instructor. Sharp, an accomplished pianist and composer, performed various selections from noted artists in addition to presenting an original composition titled "Five Oxymorons." The recital was in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. (EC photo)

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TRIPLETS TO GRADUATE - William, Jennifer and Robert Savell (pictured from left) will be the first set of triplets to graduate from East Central Community College when they receive their diplomas at the May 12 commencement exercises. The children of Marcus (Class of '67) and Lynn Savell (attended 1963) of Lake, they are involved in various campus activities including the Warrior Wall 'O Sound Marching Band and the East Central Environmental Club. They are 1998 graduates of Newton County High School. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 22, 2000

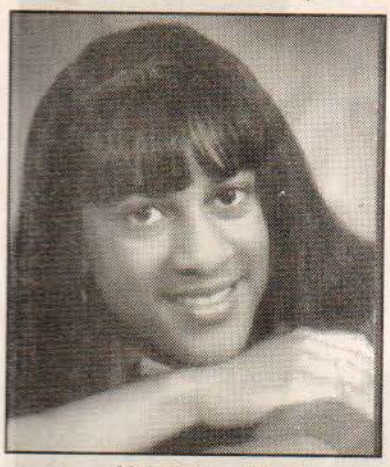
Horne named to ECCC Hall of Fame

Nykela Horne has been named to the Hall of Fame at East Central Community College.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can achieve at East Central Community College. Six students were chosen. These recipients are nominated by faculty, students, and staff.

Horne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Horne of Philadelphia. She is actively involved in a number of student organizations at East Central including Student Education Association, Phi Theta Kappa, and Warrior Corps.

She also served as cheerleader and was selected as a freshman class favorite and freshman homecoming maid. Miss horne was named as an All-American Scholar and received a National Minority Leadership award. She is also included in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and has been listed as a President's List Scholar, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, each of the four semesters she has attended East Central.



Nykela Horne

"Nykela is a well-rounded, captivating, and intelligent young lady. Her maturity, work ethics, character, and Christian morals are beyond reproach and are rarely found in today's youth," were a few of the many comments made by those nominating her.

She plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in elementary education.

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WEEK OF May 28, 2000

McRae honored at East Central

ECCC tells Hall of Famers

East Central Community College recently observed its annual "Awards Day" program on the Decatur campus. Numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. To be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership an contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 1999-2000 include Cristy Bowen, Decatur, Nykela Horne, Philadelphia, Craig McRae, Carthage, William Savell, Lake, Stacy Slayton, Enterprise, and Chris Weems, Newton.

dinated by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

He was awarded the Margaret Mosal Leadership Award,the National Collegiate Engineering Award and was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was recently selected Mr. East Central Community College.

Those who nominated him wrote, "Craig is a conscientious, responsible student who is respected by both his peers and instructors. He not only exhibits strong leadership qualities and good study habits, but exemplary character as well. Craig has maintained an excellent academic record and at the same time, has spent numerous hours fulfilling the duties that accompany the variety of activities in which he participates."

McRae is the son of James and Gloria McRae of Carthage. He serves as president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon ("The Engineers"), president of the President's Council and secretary of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for those excelling in mathematics.

He is also a member of the Wall O'Sound Marching Band, the concert band, jazz band and percussion ensemble. He served as a technician for the Collegians.

McRae was named to the Honorable Mention team of the

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Germany Receives DSU Scholarship...East Central Community College sophomore Emily Germany of Union was presented a transfer scholarship to Delta State University at the annual Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus. Pictured with Germany is ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 29, 2000

Win ECCC softball title

"Scooters" recently claimed the intramural softball league competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include, from left, front, Ben Barham of Brandon, Tommy Ford of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Curt Blackburn of Lawrence, Nathan Johnson of Forest; back, Jermaine Crosby of Carthage, Brian Jones of Victoria, Texas; ECCC football coaches Tommy Clopton and Todd Mangum, Randy Brunson of Sebastopol and Clint Burkes of Forest.

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ECCC students recieve Faculty Memorial Award

These East Central Community College students received Faculty Memorial Awards at the College's annual Awards Day program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Beverly Reynolds of Noxapater, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Amy Arthur of Union, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; and Lisa Adcock of Forest, General William Patrick Wilson Academic; and (standing, from left) Ben Boyette of M. Cross Freshman Chemistry and J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Jennifer Winstead of Union, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; and Lucas Majure of Decatur, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology.

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WEEK OF MAY 29, 2000

EC honor roll students named

Students named to the 2000 spring semester honor roll, which includes those named to the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include:

Anita Louise Bell, Jessica L. Brown, Martha A. Burris, Brenda Lou Cook, Mindy Rhodes Hutchison, Tammy Myers Keen, Craig Michael McRae and Matthew Perry Stribling, all of Carthage; Amber Johnson and Christopher Lynn Kyzar, both of Lena; and Karmen Jones and James Bailey Smith, both of Walnut Grove.

Dean's List for the spring semester include: Nicholas Barham, Codie L. Carroll, Romona Corkern, Kris L. Davidson, Melinda Kaye Davidson, Joseph A. Grice, Amanda Dawn Hillman, Lacey Anne Johnson, Jolena Davidson Morris, Cory J. Rawson, Courtney Beth Rawson, Ryan D. Wade and Shelby LeAnn Withers, all of Carthage; Dustin Renfrow, Sonya White and Patrick R. Wilcher, all of Philadelphia; and Jessica Mignonne Blan and Lisa Carol Johnson, both of Walnut Grove.

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ECCC Honors

Students from Newton County named to the 2000 spring semester Honor Roll, President's List, and Honorable Mention List according to Raymond McMullan, Dir. of Admissions, Records and Research.

From Newton County those named to the President's List, with a 4.0 grade point average include: Robert W. Cape, Laura Shows Evans, Kristy L. Haygood, Rebecca Hudgins Messengale and Tyler David Thomas, all of Chunky; Kristen K. Averett, Melanie Chancy Fanguy and Christopher C. Weaver, of Conehatta; Alexander Earl Amos, Rhonda Ann Bates, Emily M. Boggan, Natalie Boggan, Eliza Graham Cleveland, Kasey Comans, James William Garrison, Kelli V. Harris, Brenda Hutchinson Rose, Kayla Campbell Smith, Ricky d. Stewart, William C. Wilson and Jimmy R. Wyatt, all of Decatur; Audrey Parker Haralson, Jana Nester McGee, Melanie C. Robinson, Mary J. Tingle and Betty Regina Wilkerson, all of Lawrence; Ernest L. Brown, Tammy Crabtree Cutway, Melody Marie Dewitt, Patsy R. McMullan, Bridget L. Minor, Margaret Laird Mott, Jennifer Sellers, Kelly Burkes Tucker, Julie M. White and Vicky White, all of Little Rock; Deloris Blaylock, Patricia R. Bolden, Charles E. Curry, James Christopher Davis, Amanda Nickole Dean, Lori Challene Hollingsworth, Carla D. Jacomecluff, Richard Curtis Lancaster, Leah Michelle Lindsley, Tina Toward Mize, Tamara C. Muir, Hugh Lewis Sharp, Vivian Darnell Taylor,Chris LaVaughn Weems, Angie Denise Welsey and Rebecca A. West, all of Newton; Sharon L. Harrison Allen, Amy E. Arthur, Jason Ashley Burroughs, Anita Taylor Campbell, Robert Crosby, Kristi Lynn French, Rebecca McDill Rigdon, Stacy Gean

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Larry Davis Chapman, Melissa Renfrow Cooksey, Jason P. Everett, Robert Ford, Ester Watts Gallaspy, Jessica Lynn Guyse, Jon Micah Harmon, Franceani Lyles, Joshua S. McCullough, Joshua M. McDonald, Latricia Danite Moore, Nikki Shantae Nichols, Maeree C. Overstree, Lakesa Sims, Amos Thames, Lillie Thornton, Amanda S. Walley, Yalonda S. Whitfield and Ronald John Williams, all of Newton; and Deirdre S. Arrington, Christopher Bankston, Douglas Clay Branning, Sandra I. Chappell, Heather Shelley Compton, Holly e. Davidson, Candra Litonya Davis, Jayme todd Ferguson, Jeannie Ripley Fitzhugh, Rebekah Karol Franklin, Alethia G. Hitt, Alisa Russell Jones, Amanda Kilpatrick, Keekee Denise Michael, William Andrew Parks, Lacretia Michelle Pierce, Angie Richardson Rash, Rachel Wilkerson Richardson, Josh Robinson, Charles A. Schellbach, Alisa Stewart, Heather M. Sumrall, William B. Terrell and William Wade, all of Union.

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Skinner, Kelley Marie Smith and Jennifer Leigh Winstead, all of Union.

Dean's List Students from area - those attaining 3.5 or above grade point average from Newton County are:

Kimberly Gressett Brackeen, Celesta J. Clark and Kelly Fulkerson Clark, all of Chunky; Judd Easom, Mark Anthony Engram, Shannon Michelle McDill and Johnny Moore, all of Conehatta; Charles Dustin Addy, Connie Labatte Alexander, Tanya Burroughs, Derek Pace Burton, Teresa W. Cooksey, Stacy Elizabeth Cotten, Revonda Nichols Edmond, Rebecca Bergeron Greenwood, Deborah Pullin Lucroy, Elb Bennett McIntosh, Penny Marie Russell, Lea Ann Stevens, Mae N. Walker, and Tasha K. Willis, all of Decatur; Joseph Walter Todd Acord, Katrina Joyner Bufkin, Sarah E. Johnson, Debby Bone Robinson, Jennifer D. Robinson, Joseph Lamar Skinner, Kara Stampley, Deborah Airhart Walker and Johnny Howard Walker, all of Hickory; Nikisha Lavell Jackson, Lawrence; LaBreeska Nell Chesney, Mary Suzette Crocker, Stacy Nichole Hogue, Theresa Marie Jones, Justin Daniel Lanier,Karla R. McMahan and Michael D. Rucker, all of Little Rock; Crystal Bonner, Stephanie Denece Evans, Jennifer Leigh Guyse, Derrick Wesley Jones, John Kyle Massey, Brandy r. Mills, Kristen Chantel Mills, Nancy Ann Pugh, Tiffany Simmons, Joel Curtis Skinner, Gloria Nell Vargocko, Shunnett Wheaton, Allen Wilson and Audrey Evans Windham, all of Newton; Jerri Susan Adkins, Ashley Breland, Haley Cheatham, Kristin L. Cleveland, Jennifer Harrison Davidson, Carmen Loraine Germany, Belinda Denise Gibson, John Ross Goforth, Ellen Skinner Harrison, Leslie A. Mangrum, Jessica L. Pullin, Bettye Smith Russell, B. J. Skinner, Willard M. Stephens, Clarence F. Stevens and Jessica R. Watts, all of Union.

Honorable mention list - earning a 3.0 or above grade point average, includes: Marva J. Cavenaugh, Alex C. Savell, Terri Brantley Scott and Kenneth R. Williams, all of Chunky; Celeste Brown Fulkerson, Kristin L. Simmons, Emily N. Stephens, Dewayne G. Thomas, Jarrett W. Thomas and John Gabriel Thomas, all of Conehatta; Jody R. Addy, Kristopher Allen Amis, Allison Kathryn Bailey, LeeAnn Bennett Barrett, Cristy Perry Bowen, Joshua A. Burton, Steven L. Dellaria, William Ervin Fulmer, Jr., Jessica Harrison, Pamela Michelle Jones, Lucas C. Majure, Ashley Lynn McDill, Steven Darnell Morgan, Kathy Suzanne Moulds, Monica N. Patrick, James Christian Ryals, Sonya Harris Smith, Amanda H. Stamper, Bridgette Lee Stamper, Zella Cotton Stevens and Charlotte Denise Walker, all of Decatur; Sonja Majure Butler, Thomas J. Cleveland, Demetra D. Dawkins, Benjamin Robert Dear, Marsha Neil Evans, Terri Johnson Fleming, LaLyendia Evorn Matthews, Janice Sessions Sadler, James Robert Stampley, David M. Thorne and Jonathan M. Thorne, all of Hickory; Jessica Monk, Elizabeth Gwen Owens, Robert Wade Savell and William Roebuck Savell, all of Lake; Babalyn Bernell Bender, Curtis Blackburn, Aaron Evans, Lamonica Harris and Marilyn Denise Wynn, all of Lawrence; Tiffany Willis Bond, April Burke, Dustin Burton, Timothy Adam Foreman, William Kent Montgomery, Toby Pinson, Trent L. Russell and Brandon M. Tucker, all of Little Rock; Cassandra N. Arrington, Keshia D. Arrington, Portia Campbell,

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Dr. Sutphin, who serves as ECCC's Distance Learning Coordinator said, "East Central is cooperating with the other 14 community colleges in the state to provide courses for the Mississippi Virtual Community College, which will soon allow students to obtain their entire associate's degree online.

"We are moving into the twenty-first century with the utilization of technology to pro-

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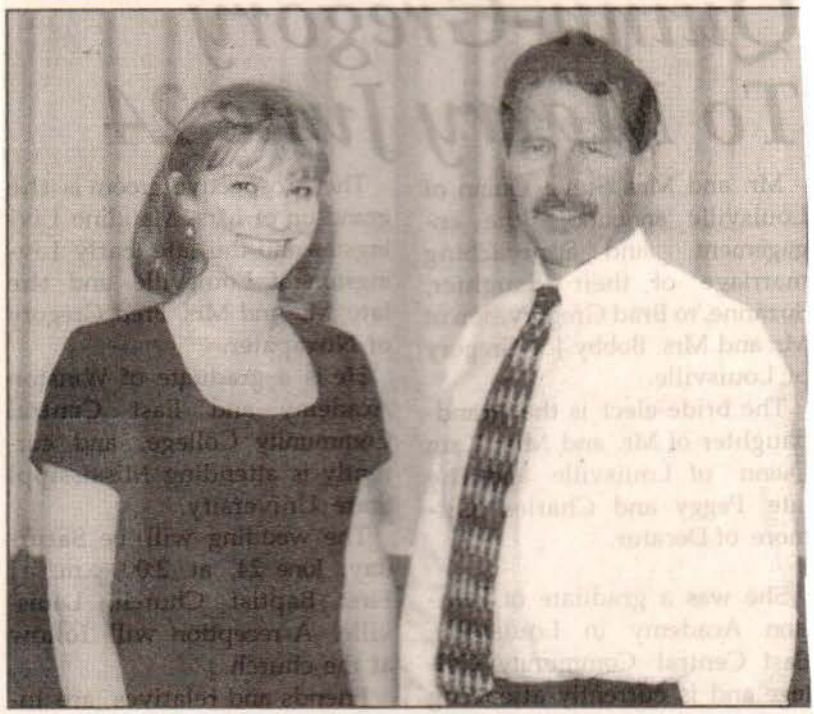

RECEIVES BOYD WALTON/BELL SOUTH SCHOLARSHIP - Kristen Harris a 2000 graduate of Newton County Academy, was recently presented the an EC Scholars Scholarship provided by Boyd Walton and Bell South to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander. The presentation was made at the college's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Mosal scholarship

Bridget Minor (left) of Carthage was recently presented the Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial Scholarship for Leadership to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander.

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Receives Milling FH Scholarship.... Tim Warren, a 2000 graduate of Union High School, was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship from Milling Funeral Home in Union to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Beth Milling (right), funeral home owner. The scholarship was awarded in memory of Melissa Milling, who was killed in a tragic car accident. Melissa would have graduated from Union High School this year and was the niece of Beth Milling. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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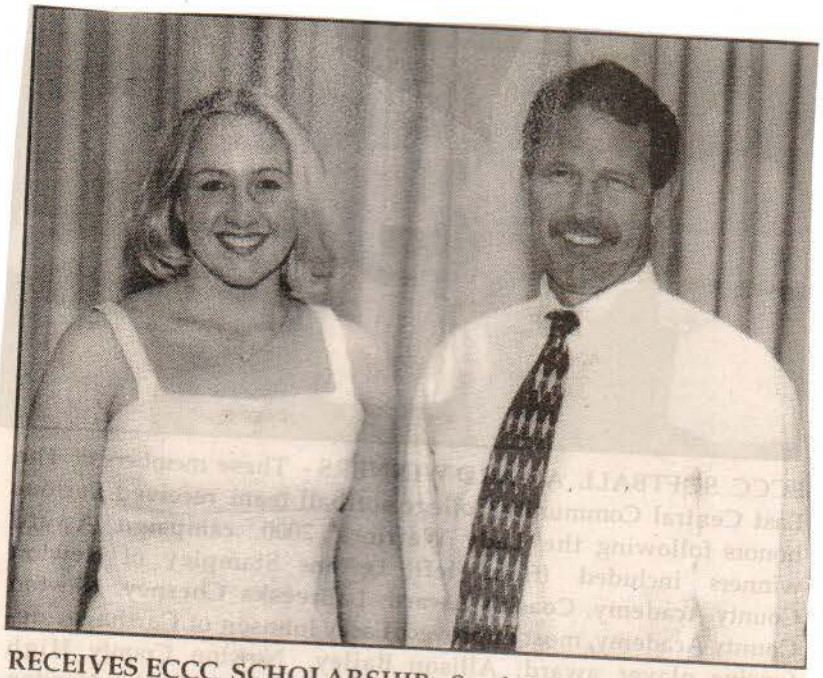

RECEIVES ECCC SCHOLARSHIP - Sarah Johnson of Newton is the 2000 recipient of the KALJYC-PEERS Leadership Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the annual award from Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Vowell scholarship

Jessica Sistrunk, a 2000 graduate of Edinburg High School, was recently presented the Lavern Vowell Scholarship to attend ECCC in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the annual award from ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee.

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Bank scholarship

Megan Morrison (second from left), a 2000 graduate of Edinburg High School, is this year's recipient of the Carthage Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Lanette Hanna, ECCC Academic Counselor. Also pictured are the recipient's parents, Tully and Margie Morrison.

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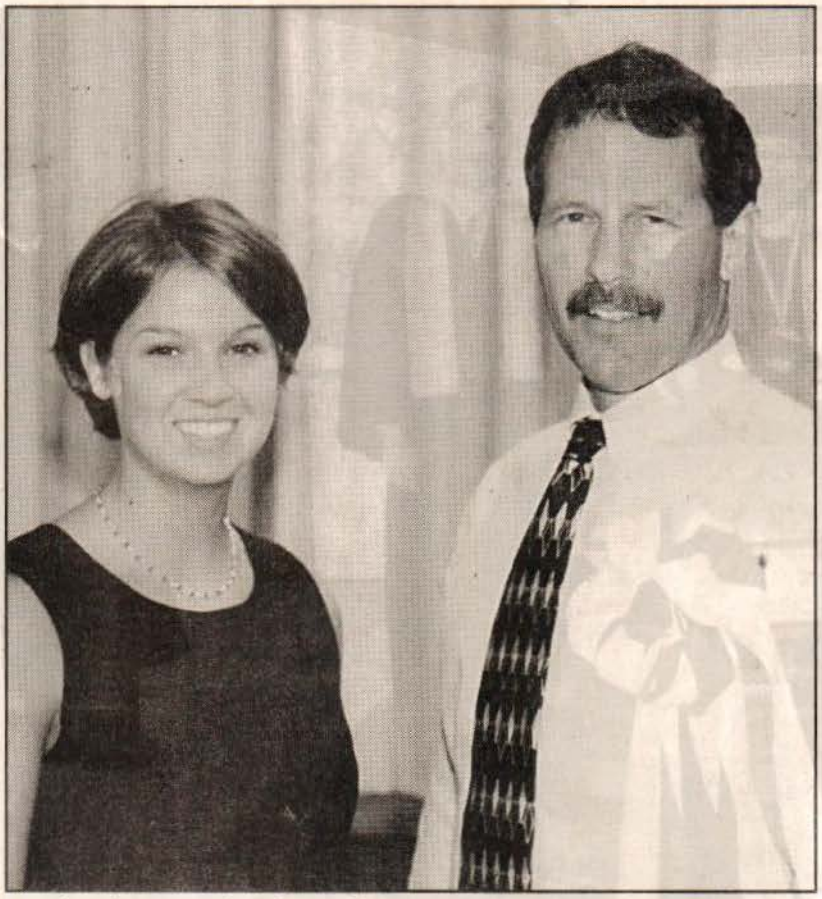

Scholar scholarship

Bonnie O'Bannon, a 2000 graduate of Leake Academy, was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship provided by Boyd Walton and Bell South to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander.

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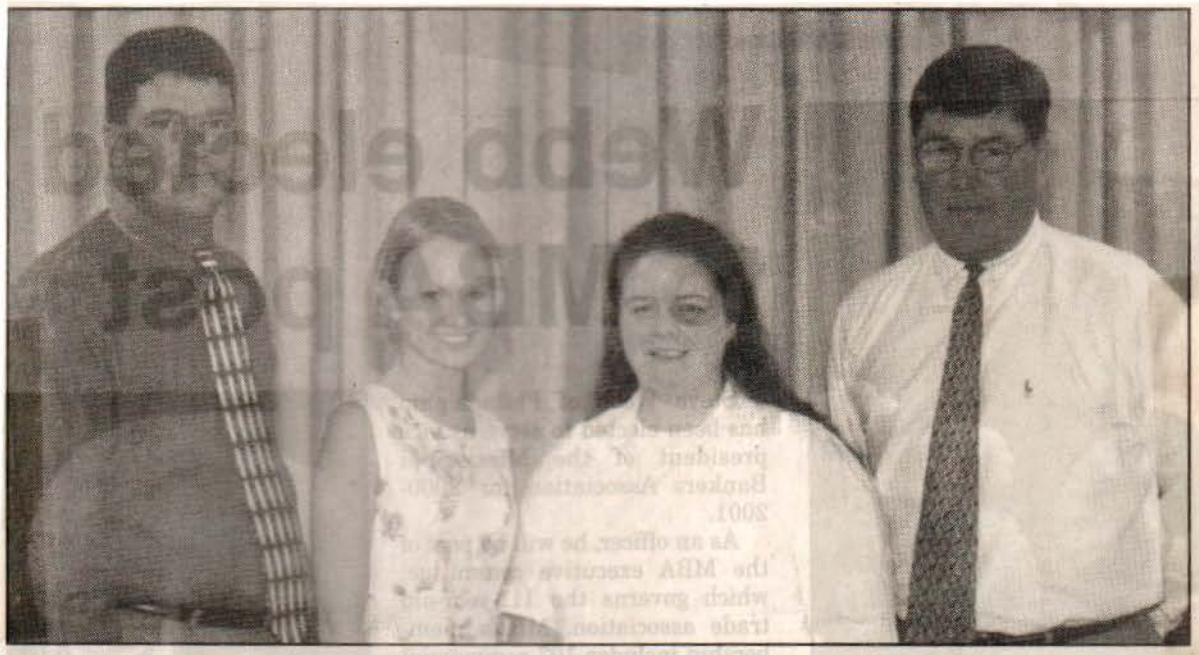

Receives M&F Bank scholarship

Neshoba Central High School graduates Sara Waltman, second from left, and Kerri Burks, third from left, are the 2000 recipients of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Philadelphia scholarships to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students are shown receiving the awards from bank officials Richard Wilson, left, president of the Philadelphia branch, and Bob Posey, vice president. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC Student Selected Press Association President

Bridget Minor

East Central Community College incoming sophomore Bridget Minor, of Little Rock, was recently elected to serve as president of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Press Association for the 2000-2001 term.

She was chosen for the post at the Association's annual conference and awards contest held in Biloxi. the 1998-99 ECCC yearbook staff was also recognized at the conference for winning first-place honors inteh "best copy" competition.

English instructors Patsy Moore and Melinda Smith serve as co-sponsors of the award-winning publication.

Minor, a pre-med major and graduate of Newton County High School, will serve as editor of the ECCC yearbook, the *Wo-He-Lo*, during the upcoming year.

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EC rodeo team places in Top 10

East Central Community College's rodeo team closed out 1999-2000 competition with several members winning honors at the Southwestern Missouri State Rodeo held recently in Springfield, Mo.

Topping the list was Clint Costilow of Wesson who won first-place honors in bull riding. His brother, Adam Costilow, finished third in bareback competiiion, and Stacy Dial of Livingston, Ala., placed fourth in barrel racing.

East Central finished in the Top 10 of the Ozark Region at the end of competition, with the men placing seventh and the women tied for eighth.

In individual standings for the year, Adam Costilow finished eighth in bareback and seventh in bull riding; Clint Costilow placed 12th in bareback; Sam Crowson of Louisville finished 11th in calf roping; Dial was 14th in barrel racing; and Sara Wilson of Puckett placed 14th in breakaway roping.

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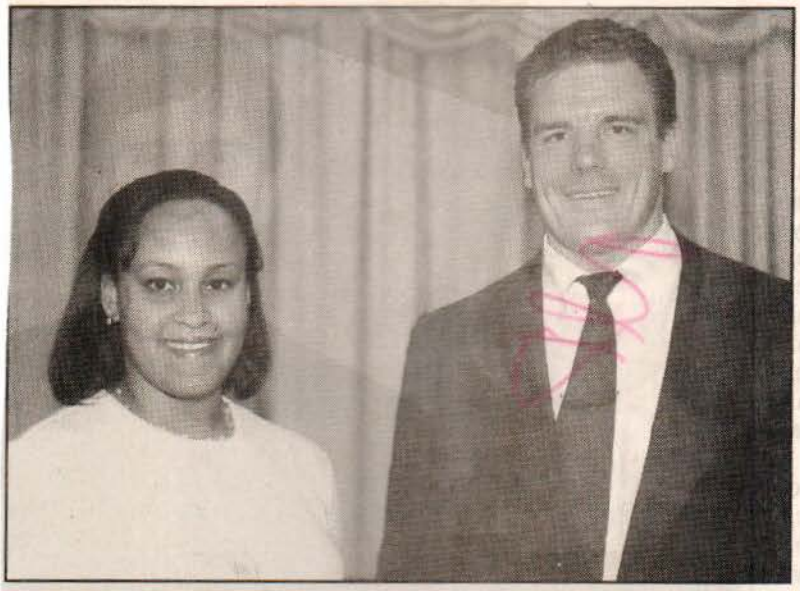

Receives Citizens Bank scholarship

Kathy Jones, a 2000 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is this year's recipient of the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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RECEIVES BOGGAN SCHOLARSHIP - Ty Anderson, a 2000 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the annual award from Dr. and Mrs. Austin P. Boggan. The presentation was made a the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Myers Scholarship recipient

Neshoba Central High School graduate Erica Tullos, left, is the 2000 recipient of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown presenting the award is Myers' mother, Jewell Parks of Philadelphia. The presentation wa made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

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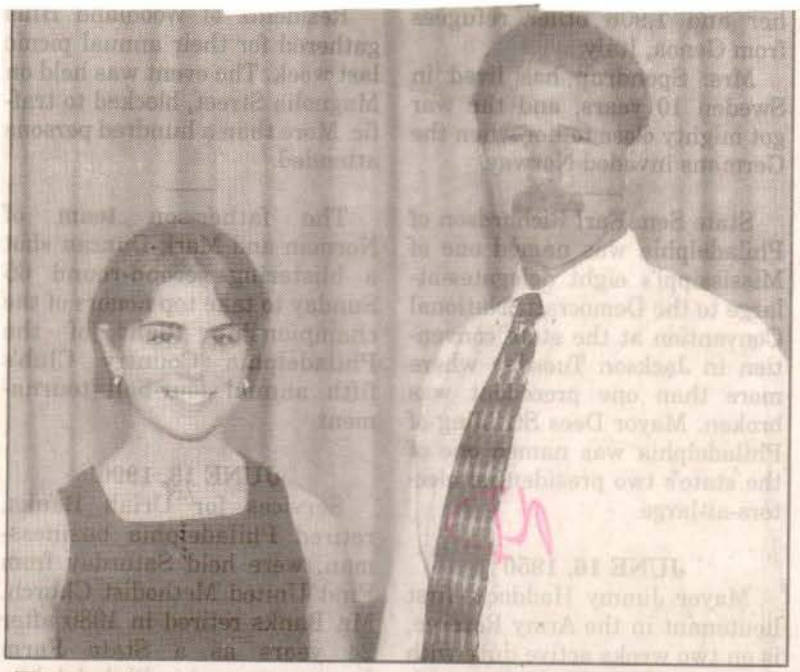

Receives supervisors scholarship

Neshoba Central High School graduate Kelly Walker is the 2000 recipient of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student from one of the five counties in the district on a rotating basis. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Receives Board of Trustees scholarship

Neshoba Central High School graduate Heather Brantley is the 2000 recipient of the Board of Trustees Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship was established in the spring of 1999 by the ECCC Board of Trustees. The tuition scholarship is awarded annually to a student from one of the five counties in the district on a rotation basis. The scholarship is funded by donations from the College's 30-member Board of Trustees. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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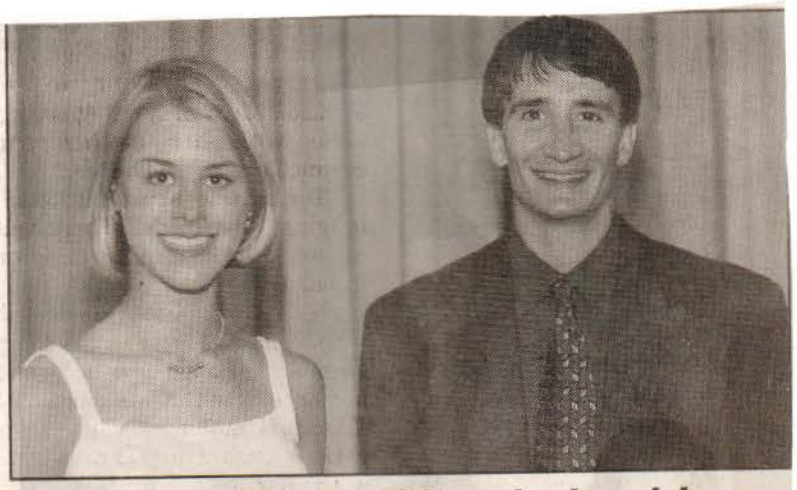

Receives Prince Oil scholarship

Jessica Long, a 2000 graduate of Philadelphia High School, was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship from Prince Oil Company in Philadelphia to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from company official Phillip Prince, right. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Receive Harrison Memorial Scholarships....

Newton County High School graduates (from left) Christy Reynolds, Rachel Milling, Heather Cater and Josh Chaney are the 2000 recipients of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students are shown receiving the award from the Rev. Byron Howell, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Receives Dallas scholarship

Nicole Duncan, left, a 2000 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Fred Preston and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the annual award from family members, second from left, Pauline Dallas Chadwell and Maurine Dallas Sims, both of Meridian. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Receives Thomas scholarship

Jessica Eakes, center, a 2000 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is the recipient of the Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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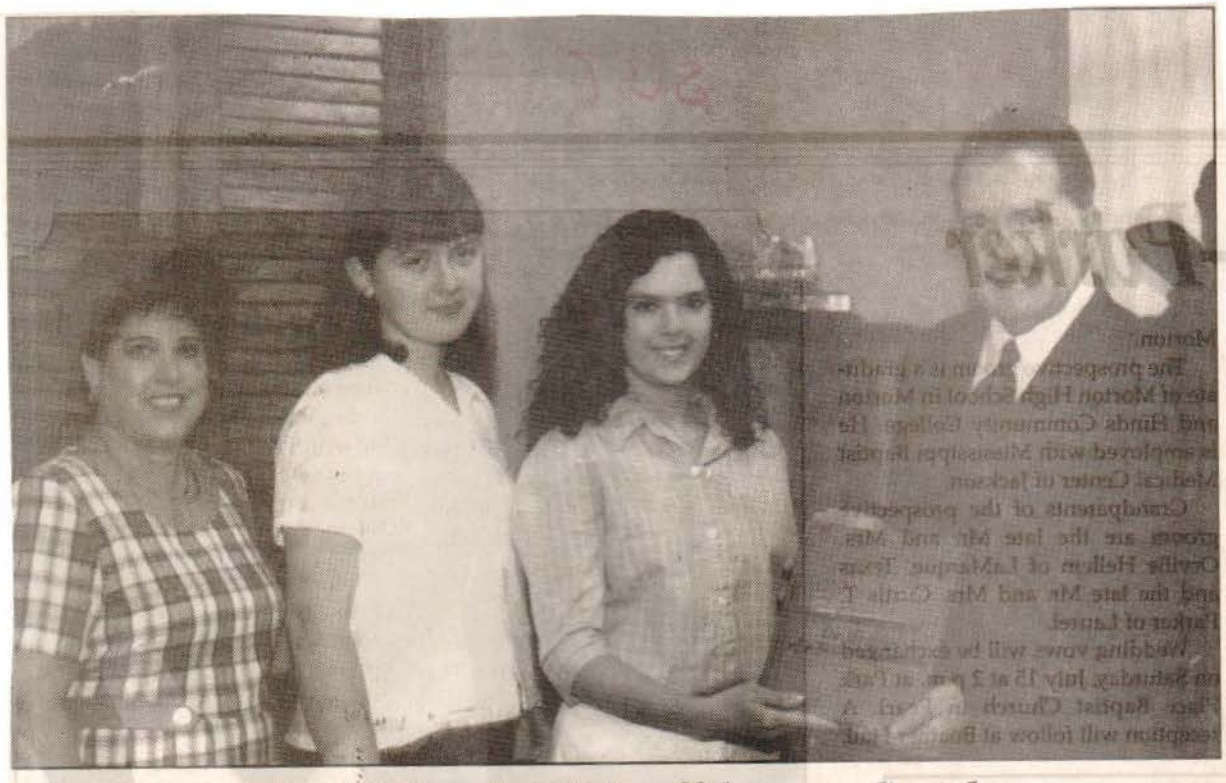

ECCC Yearbook Staff honors Smith

East Central Community College's 1999-2000 yearbook is dedicated to retiring president Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right), who has led the institution for the past 15 years. Shown making the presentation are (from left) Patsy Moore, Wo-He-Lo sponsor; staff member Stacy Skinner of Union; and editor Tracy Latham of Forest. Skinner will serve as editor for the 2000-2001 College term. Not pictured is Melinda Smith, co-sponsor.

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SIFE team takes top honors

Members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at East Central Community College recently took top honors at the SIFE Regional Exposition held in Memphis, Tennessee. Pictured are (seated, from left) Connie Tew, Tracy Latham, and Ginny Rigby, all of Forest and SIFE sponsor Wanda Moore; and (top row, from left) Jareel Combest of Louisville and Asylbek Osmonov of Kyrgyzstan, who now resides in Philadelphia. The SIFE team was named Champion of the Regional Exposition and also won the Success 2000 competition, which involved teaching undereducated and potential welfare dependent people how to be successful in the year 2000. The team will travel to Kansas City, Missouri, May 21-23, where they will participate in national competition.

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EC VICA students win top honors

These East Central Community College VICA (Vocational Industrialized Clubs of America) students recently took top honors in the annual state VICA Skills Contest. From left are Bill Wilson of Decatur, first place in major appliance repair; Stephen Walker of Meridian, second in automotive technology; Jeremy Files of Philadelphia, second in collision repair technology; and Ben Stewart of Forest, third in carpentry. Not pictured are Yolanda Whitfield of Newton, third in cosmetology; Tammy Munn of Morton, third in cosmetology; and Corey Moore of Carthage, third in residential installation. Moore was also elected state his along with Matt Eddins of Pachuta who was selected state parliamentarian.(EC Photo)

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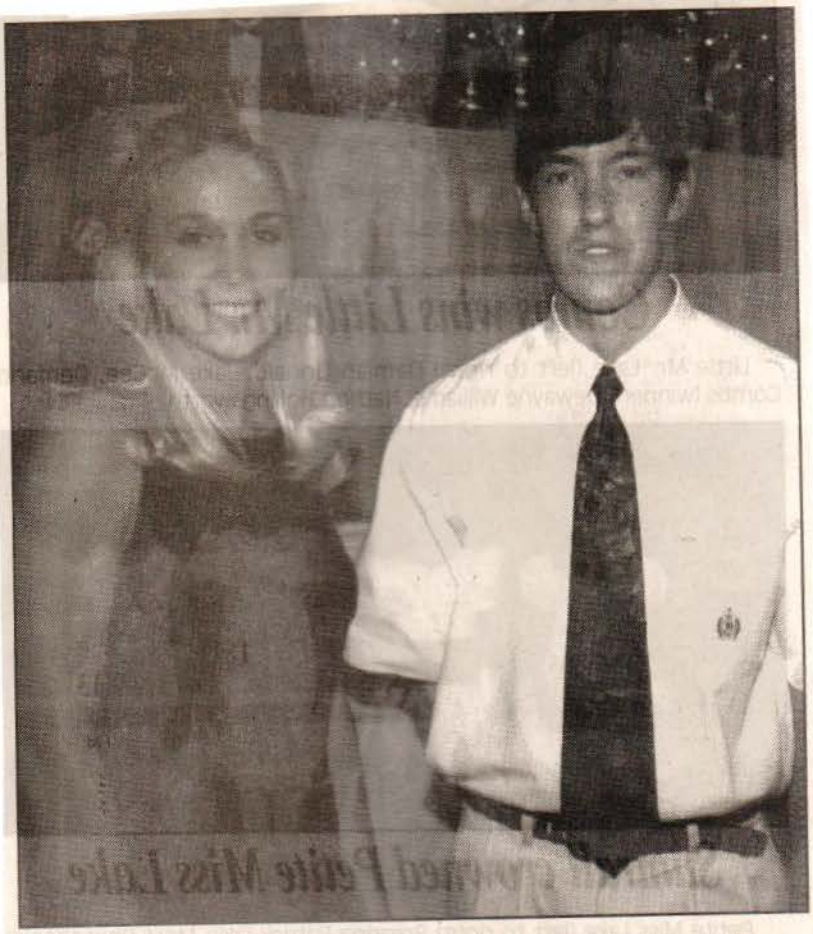

Stamper, Noel receive UM Scholarship

East Central Community College sophomores (from left) Bridgette Stamper of Decatur and Lance Noel of Forest were presented transfer scholarships to attend the University of Mississippi. The scholarships were presented at the annual ECCC Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus.

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Latham receives Charles M. Sanders Memorial Scholarship

Forest High School graduate Allison Latham (center) is the 2000 recipient of the Charles M. Sanders Memorial Scholarship provided by the Forest Kiwanis Club to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Bryon Rushing, club president. Also pictured is the scholarship recipient's mother, Denise Hawkins. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Kelley wins Mayes Scholarship

Rebecca Kelly (left) a 2000 graduate of Lake High School, is the recipient of the Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The Mayes Scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the memory of Rudolph Mayes who taught English at the College for 28 years. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Mr. Mayes' daughter, Jackie Etie, and her husband, Sid. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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sley Taylor, Miranda Faulk and Cully Hudspeth

on Academy graduates Lesley Taylor and Miranda Faulk are 000 recipients of the Hudspeth Scholarship to attend East l Community College in Decatur. The ourstanding students own receiving the award from Cully Hudspeth, son of Mr. and ubba Hudspeth of Louisville who established the award.

ECCC

Students named to the 2000 spring semester honor roll, which includes those named to the President's List, dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average include the following: Brandi Leigh Crowell, Peggy Black Humphries, Brittney Lee, Johnna McLain Levin, Amy Isonhood Morehead, Jason Wayne Morehead, Raymond Scott Popec and Michael B. Smith of Louisville and John Tracy Goodin and Beverly Reynolds of Noxapater.

Dean's List scholars include Sandy N. Adcock, Brandy G. Burnett, Kristy Clay, Wesley Albert Coleman, Cassandra Eaves, Veronica Monique Haynes, Amy Leigh Herrington, Cynthia Cooper Hoskins, Angela Nicole Jayroe, Phillip Scott Livingston, Maria D. McKinley, Joshua McNeill, Lucas Bradley Nowell, Randall H. Sims, Jennifer Snow, Amanda J. Stanton and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville and LaShandra Nichole Carter, Janita Hornesbuger, Mary Moore Lynch and Randall A. Orr, all of Noxapater.

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Rogers earns Pace Scholarship

Forest High School graduate Mitzi Rogers (left) is the 2000 recipient of the Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Michael Alexander. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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RECEIVES BLOUNT SCHOLARSHIP - Union High School graduate Sommer Averett is the 2000 recipient of the Clayton Blount Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Christi Lee, Director of the Tech Prep Career Center and recruiter. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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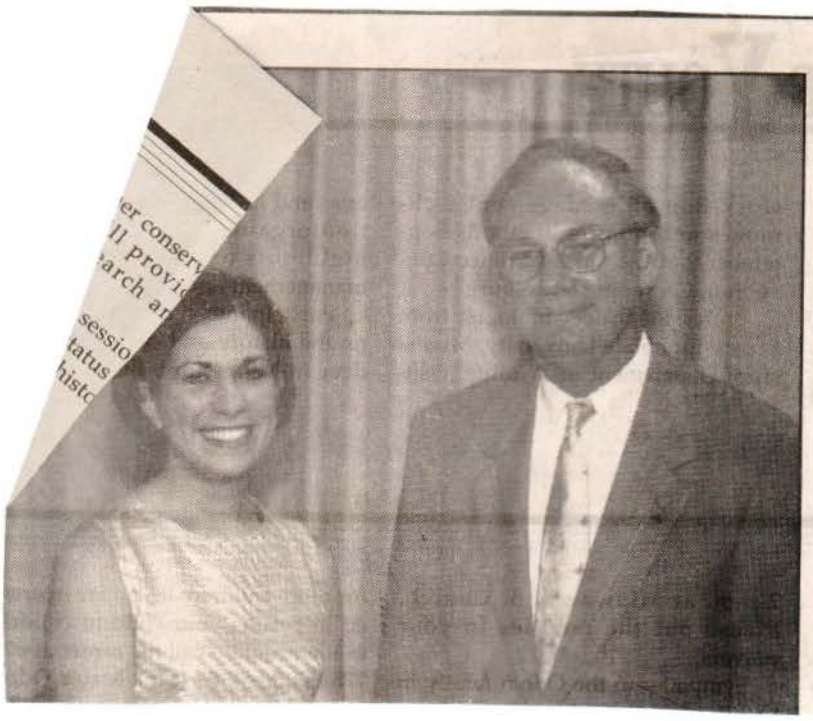

Brooks receives Bank of Forest scholarship

Jessica Brooks, a 2000 graduate of Forest High School, was recently presented the annual Bank of Forest Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from bank senior vice president Ronnie Fortenberry. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Missy Suttle

Missy Suttle, a 2000 graduate of Noxapater High School, was recently presented an EC Scholars Scholarship from Milling Funeral Home in Union to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Beth Milling, funeral home owner. The scholarship was awarded in memory of Melissa Miling, who was killed in a tragic car accident. Melissa would have graduated from Union High School this year and was the niece of Beth Milling. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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COATS ATTENDS ECCC HONORS ORIENTATION - East Central Community College assistant football coach Timmy Coats, left, is shown assisting his son, Alan, an honor graduate of Newton County Academy, with his fall semester class schedule during the annual ECCC honors orientation held Thursday, June 8, on the campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Thursday, June 22; Wednesday, July 12; and Saturday, August 5. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 14.

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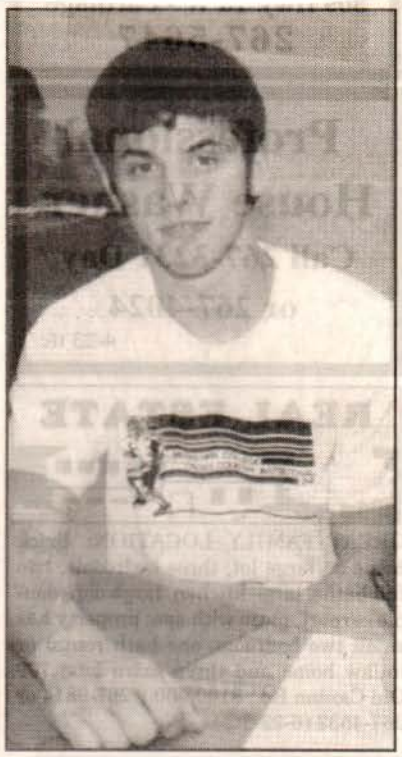

May visits ECCC

Caleb May (left) of Leake Academy was among area students who attended Honors Orientation activities held Thursday, June 8, at East Central Community College in Decatur. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social and personal oppportunities available at East Central.

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CUCHENS ATTENDS HONORS ORIENTATION - East Central Community College psychology instructor Alice Pouncey, left, is shown assisting Jennifer Cuchens, an honor graduate of Newton High School, with her fall semester class schedule during the annual ECCC honors orientation held Thursday, June 8m on campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at EC. Additional sessions will be held Thursday, June 22; Wed., July 12; and Sat. Aug. 5th. Fall day classes begin Monday,August 14. (EC Photo)

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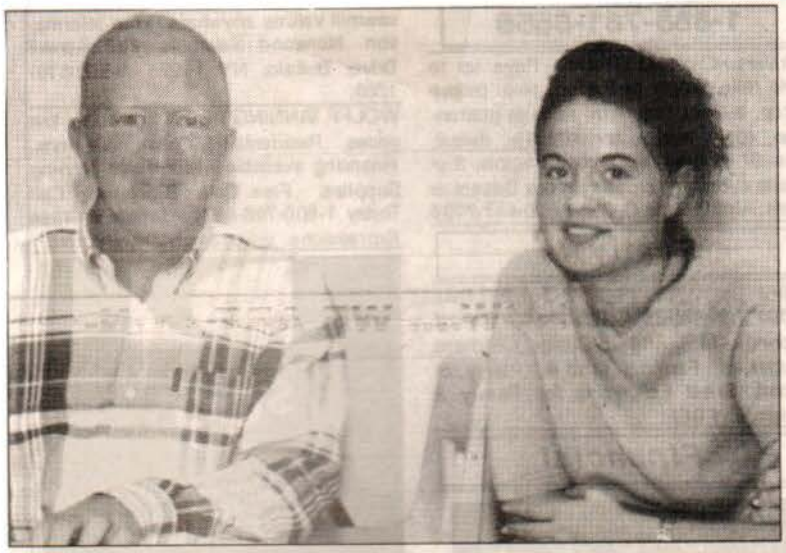

Wilson Participates.... East Central Community College English instructor Leonard Barrier (left) is shown assisting Neshoba Central High School graduate Jonni Wilson with her fall semester class schedule during Honors Orientation activities held Thursday, June 8, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Thursday, June 22; Wednesday, July 12; and Saturday, August 5. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 14. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 375, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222). (EC Photo)

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Burkes scholarship

Lana Rogers (left) of Leake Academy is the 2001 recipient of the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship was established in 1999 to honor the life and works of Ann Hunter Burkes, a long-time East Central employee and Phi Theta Kappa sponsor. The award is presented to a returning sophomore member of Theta Xi Chapter. Rogers, who will also serve as the international honor society's MS/LA Regional Secretary for the 2001-2002 term, is pictured with Burkes following the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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Minor Nominated for Jefferson Award

East Central Community College sophomore Briidget Minor of Little Rock is one of only 10 Mississippians nominated by WLBT television station in Jackson for the prestigious Jefferson Award.

Jefferson Awards are presented annually by the American Institute for Public Service, whose mission is to rebuild public trust and encourage community involvement by saluting the "best of America."

On the local level, award recipients are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation or reward. They are nominated by a nationwide network of 51 media sponsors who solicit nominations of individuals who work to better their communities through volunteer and community service.

On the national level, recipients are individuals whose public service has impacted the country as a whole.

Minor's volunteer work includes projects for the Nature Conservancy of Mississippi, the East Central Environmental Club, and Habitat for Humanity. She has taught Children's Bible Drills at Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church for two years.

In addition, she has been a part of America's Promise. During MakeA-Difference Day, Minor recruited volunteers and helped build a playground in Philadelphia.

Bridget Minor

Minor has also been very involved with the Learning Skills Center at the College, where she has served as a tutor and organized and supervised the Mississippi Reads program.

As a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, Minor was a part of a water quality testing study which won members of East Central's Theta Xi Chapter the prestigious Freeman Science Award. As a part of their Honors Study Topic: In the Midst of Water: Origin and Destiny of Life, the chapter studied water from area lakes and streams near poultry processing plants in the College's district.

Minor says she lives by a quote from Helen Keller which says N am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do something I can do." Minor added, "All the activities I have participated in and the awards I have won are not to glorify myself, but to help others."

In addition to her other activities, Minor is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Mu Alpha Theta and the Baptist Student Union. She was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was recognized as a president's list scholar. She recently received the Margaret Mosal Scholarship from Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was selected to the ECCC Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can

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Wilkes receives ECCC scholarship

Noxapater High School graduate Justin Wilkes is the 2000 recipient of the Wilks-Palmer Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Justin is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Lanette Hanna.

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Adcock earns Wilson Scholarship

Lisa Adcock of Forest is the 2000 recipient of the General William Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Christi Lee, ECCC Tech Prep Career Center director and recruiter. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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MCCULLUM ATTENDS ECCC ORIENTATION - Tyronda McCullum of Newton was among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College. The incoming freshman is shown planning her fall semester class schedule witht he assistance of Christy Ferguson, business technology instructor. In addition to advance registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of a wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the campus.

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KEITH ATTENDS ECCC ORIENTATION - Newton County High School graduate Keri Keith was among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at ECCC. The incoming freshman is shown planning her fall semester class schedule with the assistance of Elizabeth Breland, business technology instructor. In addition to advance registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. parents are also encouraged to attend the special program and join students for a complimentary lunch in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Additional orientation sessions will be held Wednesday, July 12 and Saturday, August 5. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 14. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, 635-2111 or 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. (EC Photo)

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Bradford attends EC orientation

East Central Community College assistant football coach Timmy Coats (left) is shown assisting Lewis Bradford, an honor graduate of Scott Central High School, with his fall semester class schedule during the annual ECCC Honors Orientation held Thursday, June 8, on the Decatur campus. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Thursday, June 22; Wednesday, July 12; and Saturday, August 5. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 14.

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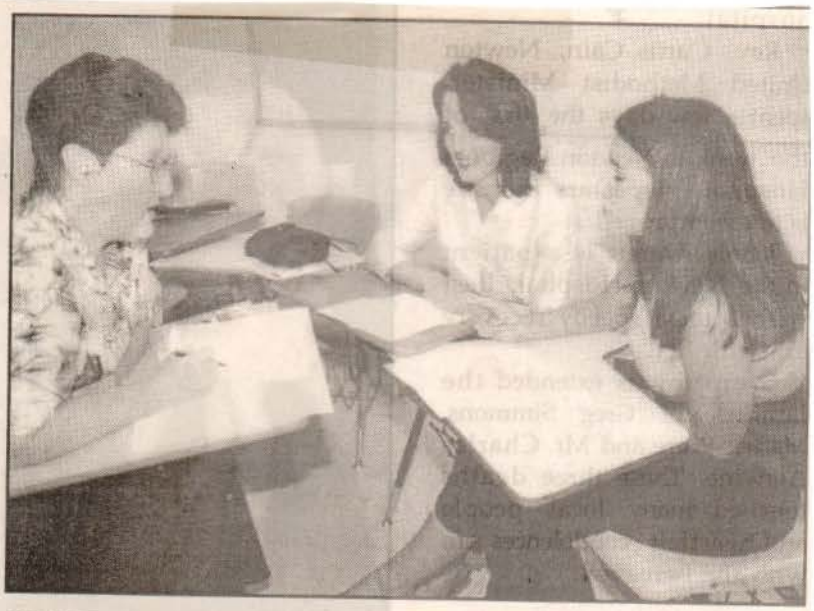

SIMMONS ATTENDS ECCC ORIENTATION - Tiffany simmons (right) of Newton was among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College. She is shown planning her fall semester class schedule with the assistance of Juanity West (left), oral communications instructor. Also pictured is Simmons' mother Patti Berry. In addition to advance registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of a wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Additional orientation sessions will be held Wednesday, July 12 and Saturday, August 5.

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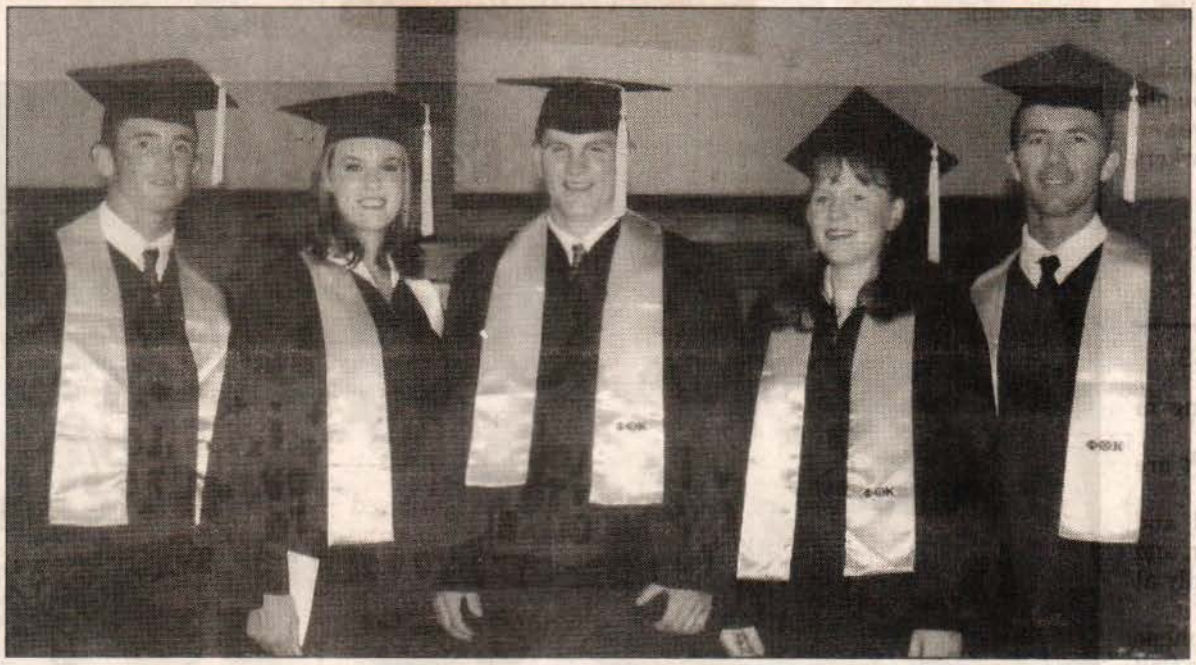

NJCAA Academic All-Americans

The National Junior College Athletic Association has announced the selection of the above honor graduates of East Central Community College as NJCAA Academic All-Americans for 1999-2000. To be selected for the prestigious honor, recipients must have participated in at least one season of varsity athletics and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those chosen Distinguished Academic All-Americans earn a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or better. Award recipients and their respective sport(s) are, from left, Lee Martin (baseball) of Lake, Lacey Johnson (softball) of Carthage, Chris Weems (football and baseball) of Newton, Kristi French (tennis) of Union, and Tracy Goodin (tennis) of Noxapater. Martin and Weems were named on the Distinguished list. The student athletes will be featured in *Juco Review*, the official publication of the NJCAA.

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East Central issues win top awarc

First-place honors in several categories were presented to the Public Information Office at East Central Community College in Decatur following the annual College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) Conference/Awards Ceremony held in Biloxi.

East Central's alumni magazine, *The Warrior,* captured top honors for the second consecutive year. The publication is distributed in the fall and spring semesters to approximately 7500 alumni and friends of the College.

The student newspaper, *EC Express,* also received a first-place award. The publication is mailed three times a year to senior and junior high school students in the ECCC District, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

In addition, the College's Web Page, *eccc.cc.ms.us,* received first-place honors for the second time in three years. The web site was created and is currently maintained by Todd Eldridge, who serves the College as webmaster, library technical assistant and art instructor.

Bubby Johnston, Director of Public Information, also received awards in the news and sports writing categories. Johnston won second-place in the News Story category for his article, "Malone Earns Fire Tech Degree," and received a third-place award in the same category for his article, "Gordon Named Alumna of the Year." He was presented a third-place award in the Sports Story competition for his article, "ECCC Names Athletic Hall of Fame Recipients."

In addition to Johnston, other members of the College's Public Information Staff include Maria McLe Karen Yates. Contri writers for the alumni zine include Dr. Ed Smith, retiring presider Carol and Ovid Vickers, faculty members.

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WEEK OF 6-29-00

Latham earns Thorton/Emerson Scholarship

Forest High School graduate Allison Latham (center) is the 2000 recipient of the Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Mr. Thornton. Also pictured is the scholarship recipient's mother, Denise Hawkins. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF 6-29-00

EC orientation

Michelle Simmons of Carthage was among area students who recently attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College. She is shown planning her fall semester class schedule with the assistance of Melanie Gilmore, Director of the Associate Degree Nursing program. Additional orientation sessions will be held Wednesday, July 12, and Saturday, Aug. 5. Fall day classes begin Monday, Aug. 14.

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WEEK OF July 3, 2000

RECEIVE USM TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS - These East Central Community Colelge sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi presented at annual ECCC Awards Day program held on Decatur campus. Pictured are seated: Heather Anderson of Philadelphia, Laura Evans of Chunky, Brooke Kennedy of Philadelphia, Rita Nunn of Noxapater, William Savell of Lake, Nykela Horne of Philadelphia, and Laurie Aregood of Madison, and standing, from left - Beau Ellison of Philadelphia, both of Little Rock; and Michael Wilcher of Edinburg. Wilcher also received the USM Eddie M. Smith Presidential Scholarship. Also pictured is Matthew Cox, USM Admissions Counselor. (EC Photo)

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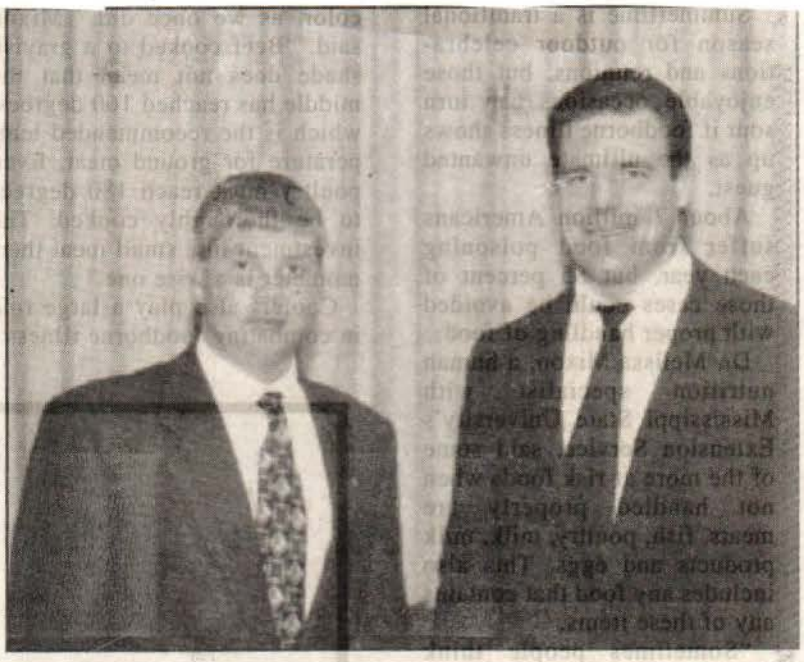

Justin Clark, a 2000 graduate of Louisville High School, is this year's recipient of the Comans Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Dean of Students Randall Lee.

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Danyell Hudson, a 2000 graduate of Noxapater High School, is this year's recipient of the W. R. Covington Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Academic Counselor Lanette Hanna.

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RECEIVE MSU SCHOLARSHIPS - These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to continue their education at Mississippi State University. The schoarships were presented at the annual ECCC Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus. Pictured are: seated from left - Stacy Cotten of Newton, Huellen Nutt of Morton, Stacy Skinner of Union, Alicia Jenkins of Lake, Jana Wylie of Louisville, Jill Gray of Philadelphia, Robyn Watts of Union, Angela Jayroe of Louisville and Carmen Germany of Union; and standing - Randall Orr of Noxapater, Patrick Ferriss of Clinton, Kelly Tucker and Brandon Tucker, both of Little Rock; Chris Weems of Newton, Craig McRae of Carthage, Margaret White of Philadelphia, Lisa Price of Carthage and Kristen Mills of Newton. Also pictured is John Dickerson, MSU Associate Director of Enrollment Services.

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Graduate EC nursing program

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at East Central Community College were recognized for their achievement during the annual pinning ceremony held recently on the Decatur campus. Members of the ADN Class of 2000 include (first row, from left) KeeKee Michael of Newton; Sonya Smith of Decatur; Donna Reiss of Forest, Erica Flake and Ashley Stuart, both of Philadelphia; Kim Scott of Meridian and Tracey Taylor of Hickory; (second row, from left) Barry Edwards of Noxapater, Lamonica Harris of Lawrence, Mary Quinn of Louisville, Jacqueline Coward of Carthage, Candice Graham of Union and Kellie Moore of Raleigh; (third row, from left) Amy Morehead and Johnna Levin, both of Louisville; Cristy Bowen of Decatur, Heather Thornton of Carthage, Theresa Sanjur of Union and Tim Boles of Sebastopol; and (fourth row, from left) Alex Savell of Chunky, Jerry Nance and Jason Morehead, both of Louisville; Justin Long of Philadelphia and Richard Alexander of Lena. Not pictured are Amy Graham of Union and Zella Stevens of Decatur.

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WEEK OF July 10, 2000

Receive La-Z-Boy Scholarships.... Matt Hedrick (left), a 2000 graduate of Newton County High School, and Travis Boone, a 2000 graduate of Union High School, were the recipients of the annual La-Z-Boy South Scholarships to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students received the awards from company officials Dan Breeding and Chris Harris. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon

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Club scholarship

Lana Rogers, left, a recent graduate of Leake Academy, is the recipient of the Thursday Club of Walnut Grove $500 scholarship. She plans to attend East Central Community College and Mississippi State and pursue a degree in Business and Music. Mrs. Sandra Burnet, president of the Thursday Club, made the presentation

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These students were recently inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students excelling in mathematics, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Matt Baldridge of Philadelphia, Wileen Cooksey of Lake, Kayla Smith of Decatur and Charles Curry of Newton; (second row, from left) Tawaski Carter of Philadelphia, Ashley Jones of Forest and Keitha Smith of Enterprise; and (back row, from left) Tracy Goodin of Noxapater, Michael Thompson of Collins and Patrick Wilcher of Edinburg.

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WEEK OF July 24, 2000

Shackelford receives Union Planters Bank scholarship

Cristi Shackelford, daughter of Anita Sumerall and Carl Shackelford, receives a check from Union Planters Bank representative Bennie Hill as the 2000 scholarship winner. Shackelford, who graduated from Nanih Waiya High School, will be attending East Central Comunity College in the fall.

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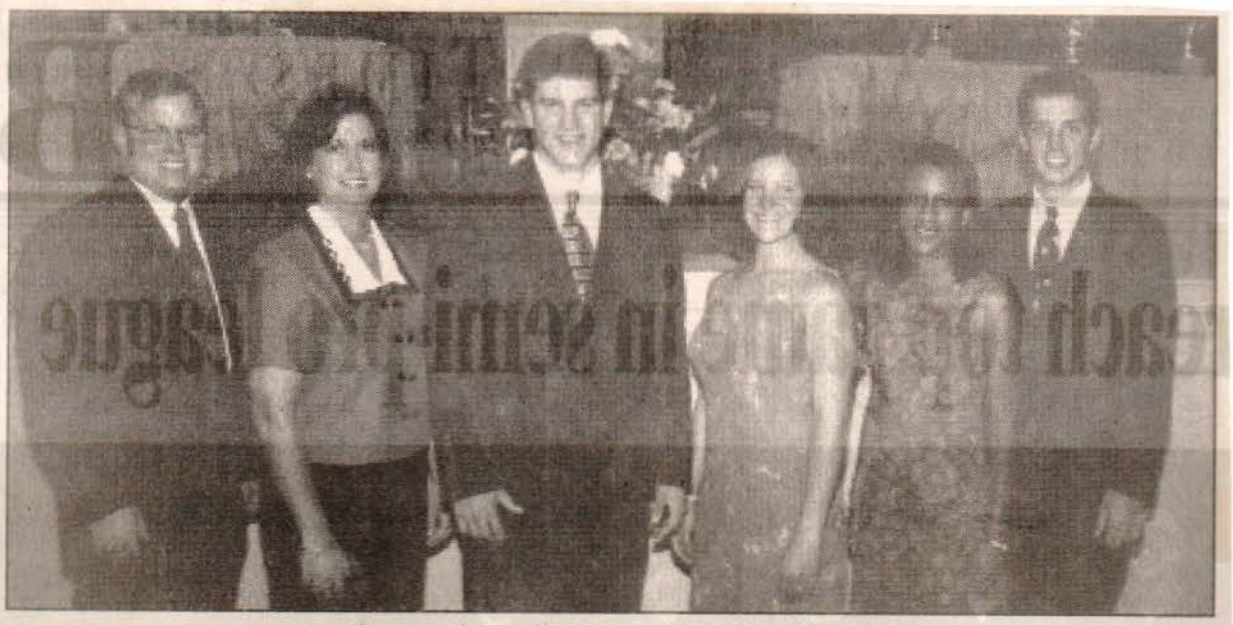

Inducted in ECCC Hall of Fame

East Central Community College recently observed its annual "Awards Day" program on the Decatur campus. Numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. To be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. Those selected for the prestigious honor for 1999-2000 include Cristy Bowen of Decatur, Nykela Horne of Philadelphia, Craig McRae of Carthage, William Savell of Lake, Staci Slayton of Enterprise and Chris Weems of Newton.

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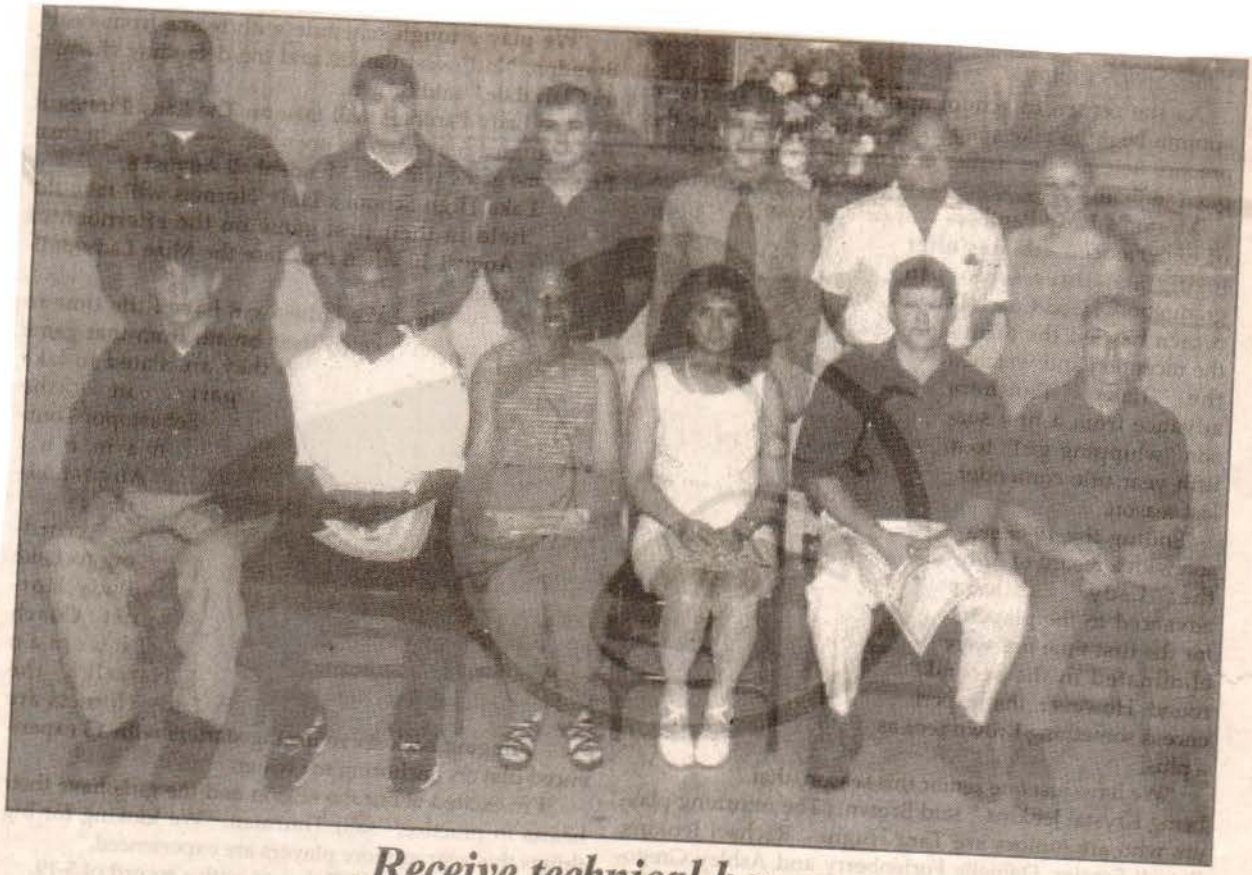

Receive technical honors

These East Central Community College students received technical honors at the College's annual Awards Day program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees included (seated, from left) Jeremy Files of Philadelphia, collision repair technology; Fred McClelland of Meridian, automotive service technology; Mary Tingle of Lawrence, child development technology; Betty Wilkerson of Lawrence, computer technology and "Technical Student of the Year;" Christopher Weaver of Conehatta, electrical technology; and Andrew Smith of Enterprise, electronic technology; and (standing, from left) Christopher Thompson of Forest, gerontology technology; Bill Wilson of Decatur, heating and air conditioning technology; Jody Addy of Decatur, machine shop technology; T.J. Madison of Philadelphia, network support technology; Richard Lancaster of Newton, O.L. Newell Memorial Drafting; and Lori Hollingsworth of Newton, surgical technology.

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Vocational awards

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Present recital

Performers during a recent recital at East Central Community College in Decatur included (from left) Leesa Wilkinson, music/keyboard instructor; sophomores Jason Alford, saxophonist, of Philadelphia and Justin Sharp, pianist, of Harperville; freshman Joshua Black, trombonist, of Philadelphia; and Tonya Morgan-Kirk, music/keyboard instructor. Sharp, an accomplished pianist and composer, performed various selections from notes artists in addition to presenting an original composition titled "Five Oxymorons." The recital was held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

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Area students participate in ECCC orientation activities

Numerous students from Scott County participated in orientation activities held July 12 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Participants included Henrietta Boone, Narja Bryce, Kenneth Chambers, Thomas Clark, Kiley Culpepper, Justin Darby, Lorrie Hardin, Samuel Harrell, Lucy Hughes, Ashley Jones, Stephanie Lindsey, Latonya Loper, Jessica Matheny, Jessica McWilliams, Lourdes Montalvo, Constance Nick, Percy Parker, Rose Patrick, Eric Payton, Donald Phillips Jr., Jessica Smith, Tamara Speed, and Michael Wells, all of Forest; Lasteven Mapp of Ludlow; Penny Easterling, David Goss, and Lance Kincaid, all of Morton; and Heather Russum of Pulaski.

An additional orientation session is scheduled August 5.

Fall day classes begin Monday, August 14.

For more information call 635-2111, ext. 375, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 375.

Receive Union Planters scholarships

Five outstanding area students were recently presented a Union Planters Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Leon Harris, president of the Newton Branch of Union Planters; award recipients Brandy Townsend of Scott Central, Leslie Crenshaw and Jennifer Cuchens, both of Newton; Emily Casey of Union and Casie Page of Newton County Academy; and Kenneth Jones, president of the banking system's Decatur branch. The presentations were made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC Surgical Technology Graduates....These students recently graduated from the Surgical Technology program at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated, from left) Mistie Lindsey of Philadelphia, Cynthia Cistrunk of Louisville, Deirdre Arrington of Union and Cynthia Hoskins of Louisville; and (standing, from left) Gloria Carter of Louisville, Charity Peebles of Philadelphia, William Perkins of Forest, Lori Hollingsworth of Newton and Esther Gallaspy of Decatur. Janice Jacobs serves as instructor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Aug. 7, 2000

HOSA students honored

These East Central Community College surgical technology students received honors at the national HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition held June 19-23 in Cleveland, Ohio. Pictured are Lori Hollingsworth of Newton, top 10 in surgical technology; William Perkins of Forest, top 19 in extemporaneous health display; and Cynthia Hoskins of Louisville, top 10 in surgical technology. Janice Jacobs serves as instructor.

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Scholarships

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PDC Awards EC Scholarship.... One hundred-fifty dollars was awarded to Michelle Winstead, the daughter of Pam and David Winstead, a graduate of Union High School and a freshman at East Central Community College. Two scholarships are given annually by the Present Day Club to local graduates, according to Kate Thomas, co-president.

PDC Presents Scholarships.... Travis Boone is presented one of two scholarships given annually by the GWFC-MFWC Present Day Club in the amount of $150.00. Travis is the son of Paula and Luther Boone and is a freshman at East Central Community College. The Club is represented by Kate Thomas, co-president.

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Money For Scholarships... These four young ladies will attend nursing school with the help of Laird Hospital. The Laird Volunteers awarded the ladies $400 each to help with their educational needs. They are: Scarlet Price, Philadelphia; Julie White, Little Rock, Jackie Richardson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Krystal Griffin, Philadelphia; and Belinda Gibson of Union. White will attend Meridian Community College while Price, Griffin and Gibson will attend East Central Community College.

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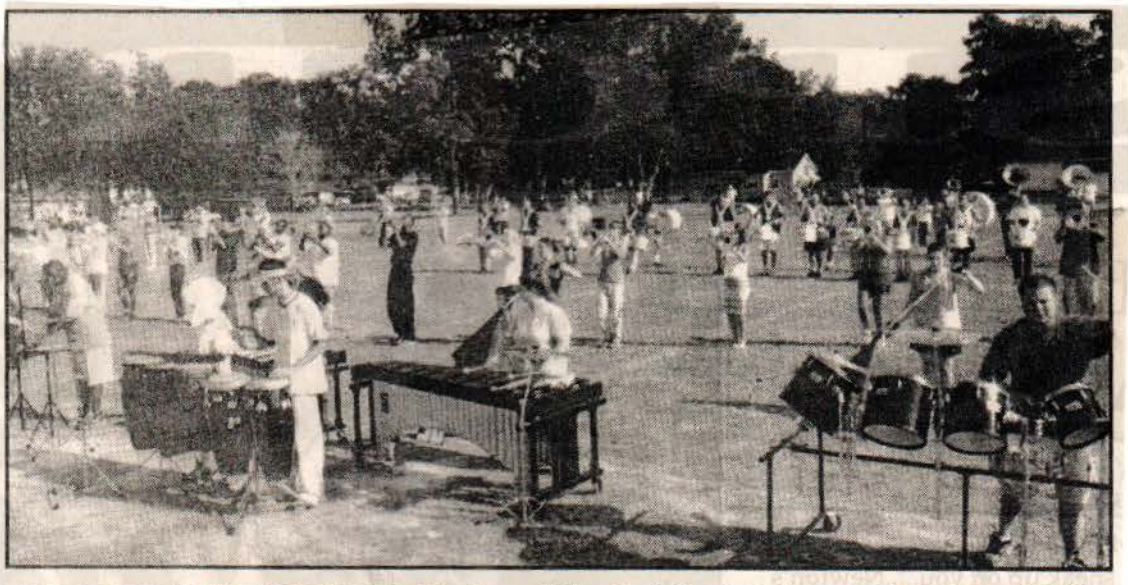

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - Members of the East Central Community College Wall O'Sound Marching Band are shown rehearsing their half-time performance for the 2000 marching season. The band will begin their marching season Thursday, August 31, when the Warriors take on East Mississippi Community College Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. in Scooba. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Centralettes

The Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, provide halftime entertainment during East Central Community College football games. Members include, from left, first row, Mae Walker, Sarah Johnson, Jessica Brown, Amy Jones, McKenzie Mack and Emily Boggan; second row, Shelby Withers, Wendy Huff, Katy Bourland, Miranda Faulk, Melonie Moore, Mary Clare Tranum, Natalie Boggan, Amanda Pope and Nikki Pearson; and third row, Candice Cooper, Marie Griffith, Missy Johnson, Jennifer Cuchens, Claire Edgar, Whitney Westberry and Molly Addkison. Lori Muse of Hickory serves as coordinator and choreographer.

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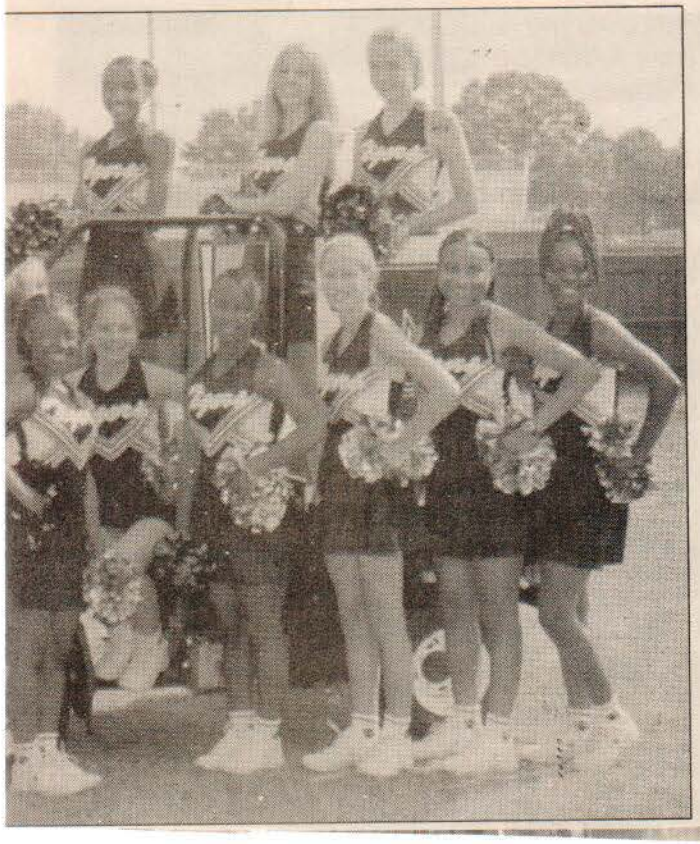

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ECCC Wall O' Sound Drum Majors

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Frazier Wash, left, of Forest begins his second year as drum major for the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Ricardo Robinson of Decatur will serve as assistant drum major. Wash is a graduate of Forest High School where he received All-Superior ratings in leading the Bearcat Band at State Band Contest during his senior year. Robinson is a graduate of Newton County High School where he served two years as drum major for the Cougar Band. He also received a superior rating at State Band Contest. Robinson is a former member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps. He is also beginning his second year as color guard instructor for the Warrior Wall O' Sound.

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WEEK OF Aug. 28, 2000

ATTEND HONORS INSTITUTE - These members of the East Central Community College Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, recently attended the Honors Institute at Millsaps College. Pictured are, from left - Jason Myers of Sebastopol, Ernie Brown and Bridget Minor, both of Little Rock; Theta Xi co-advisor Carol Shackelford, and Dustin Addy of Decatur. The group will continue with their fall activities by hosting the annual Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Fall Leadership Conference. Over 200 people are expected to participate. Shackelford and Laura Hammons serve as advisors.

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ECCC CHEERLEADERS RATED SUPERIOR - The East Central Community Cheerleaders recently attended the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) Camp at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where they received several superior ribbons in the junior College division and were also selected Most Improved Camp Squad. The squad competed in several categories including cheer, chant and dance. Warrior mascot Bryan Burnside (holding trophy) of Carthage also received a superior rating. Members are (kneeling from left) Courtney Graham of West Lauderdale, Leigh Ann Morrow of Enterprise, Burnside, Kelly Walker of Neshoba Central and Kristen Harris of Enterprise; (second row, from left) Keri Henley of Heidelberg Academy, Brandi Bounds of West Lauderdale, Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy and Leslie Crenshaw of Newton; and (back row, from left) Heath Dye and Lee Thompson, both of Morton; Jonathan McMillan of Winston Academy, Todd Babb and Jason Denson, both of Morton; Jonathan Elmore of Puckett, Andrew Latham of Forest and Chris VanEtten of Scott Central. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Sept. 4, 2000

Graduation

ECCC LPN graduates

These students recently graduated from the licensed practical nursing program at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (front row, from left) Martha Wood of Philadelphia, Randi Davis of Lake, Alva Flowers and Nikki Nelson, both of Newton; and Leslie Risher of Pulaski; and (back row, from left) Mary Chervenak of Carthage, Candra Davis of Union, Michelle Gray of Lake, Melanie Fanguy of Conehatta and Aaron Hines of Forest. Sandra Thomas and Kathy Buckman serve as instructors.

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Minor earns 2 year Coke scholarship

Attending East Central Community College in Decatur has become even more affordable for an area student who was recently presented a $1000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Bridget Minor, a sophomore pre-med major and daughter of Angie and Walter Minor of Little Rock, received the cash award through the Foundation's new Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program. Beginning this year, the Foundation will annually award 400 scholarships, of $1000 each, to students attending higher education institutions granting two-year degrees.

Scholarship recipients are selected through nominations provided by presidents or chief executive officers from two-year colleges across the country. Students nominated must have demonstrated academic success and provided 100 hours of community service in the past year.

Minor, a Dean's List Scholar with a 3.897 grade point average, holds various positions of leadership on the ECCC campus. She is president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and is also president of ECEC, the College's environmental club. She serves as editor of the yearbook - The Wo-He-Lo - and is president of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Press Assocication.

In addition, the Newton County High School graduate is a member of the President's Council, Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, whose members plan to major in medical fields.

She also works in the College's Learning Skills Lab as a part-time AmeriCorps member, serving as a tutor for students who need special assistance.

Her community activities include her volunteer work at The Nature Conservancy of Mississippi and at Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church in Decatur, where she helped elementary-age children recite and memorize Bible verses. She was also responsible for recycling efforts conducted by the College's environmental club.

Coca-Cola's Two-Year Scholars Program complements the Foundation's Scholars Program, which annually awards $1.8 million in college scholarships to 250 outstanding high school seniors. The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is one of the most recognized and respected corporate-sponsored scholarships in America.

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Orientation/Enrollment

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Local students attend orientation

Brian Rogers and Tara Phillips, both of Nanih Waiya, were among area students who attended orientation activities held Wednesday, July 12, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lanette Hanna, academic counselor, is shown assisting the students with their fall class schedules. In addition to registering for fall classes, students who attend orientation learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central.

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WEEK OF Sept. 11, 2000

National winners

These East Central Community College students won honors at the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference held this summer in Long Beach, Calif. Stephanie Robinson, left, of Newton placed ninth in impromptu speaking and T. J. Madison of Philadelphia finished fourth in web page design. Robinson is a sophomore computer networking major and Madison, a 2000 graduate in the same field, is employed at U. S. Electrical Motors in Philadelphia. Also participating at the national competition were ECCC students Jessica Johnson of Philadelphia, who competed in word processing and Jennifer Winstead of Union, who participated in the machine transcription category. All four students qualified for the national contest by placing second on the state level in their respective areas of competition. Computer technology instructor Brenda Johnson serves as sponsor. Students representing community and junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities participate in the annual competition.

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WEEK OF Sept. 18, 2000

Scholarship recipient

Diana Matlock of Carthage recently received the New Directions Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Established in the spring of 1998 by an East Central graduate and successful business executive, the New Directions scholarship is awarded to a full-time nontraditional student who has decided to return to college after having been out of school for more than three years. Recipients must be at least 21 years old and be either married or a single parent. Also pictured is Michael Alexander, ECCC academic counselor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Sept. 18, 2000

ECCC hosts homecoming tennis bouts

Alumni and current students of East Central Community College in Decatur may participate in the college's Homecoming Tennis Tournament Oct. 2-6.

Tournament chairman Mike Anderson said the annual competition includes men's and women's divisions. There is no entry fee to compete in the week-long event, but each participant is required to furnish a can of tennis balls.

The deadline to enter this year's tournament is Wednesday, Sept. 27.

For more information contact Anderson at East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or telephone 635-2111, ext. 301 or 310 or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, exts. 301 or 310.

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Sebastopol School reunion set

All students attending Sebastopol High School in the grad-

Sumrall family reunion planned

Descendants of the late Sidney Howard Sumrall and wife Nancy Lewis Sumrall will hold their annual family reunion on Saturday, Sept. 23, at The Lodge on Pelahatchie Lake.

All relatives are invited to come, bring a favorite dish of food and share this special day.

DAR to meet Saturday

The Old Robinson Road DAR will meet Saturday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. at the Old Main Office of The Carthage Bank.

Guest speaker will be Dexter C. Nettles, Jr., Attorney at Law in Carthage, speaking on our Constitution.

The public is invited to attend.

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Rogers is a 2000 honor graduate of Leake Academy, where she was ranked third in a class of 45 seniors. She also held numerous positions of leadership, including student body president and editor of the 2000 yearbook. In addition, she served as president of the senior class, the Student Christian Organization, Beta Club and SADD.

Her community service activities include performing piano recitals at nursing homes and assisted living communities throughout the state. She also provides accompaniment for worship services at some of the locations.

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The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. The Whitehead Foundation provides grants in support of human services initiatives, particularly organizations and programs that benefit young people.

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WEEK OF 12/4/00

Awards

ECCC sophomore officers

These East Central Community College sophomores were elected class officers for the 200-01 term. From left are Levi Duncan, president, of Eustis, Fla; Haley Ingram, secretary, of Philadelphia; Bevin Rieger, treasurer, of Pearl; and Andy Murphy, vice president, of Meridian.

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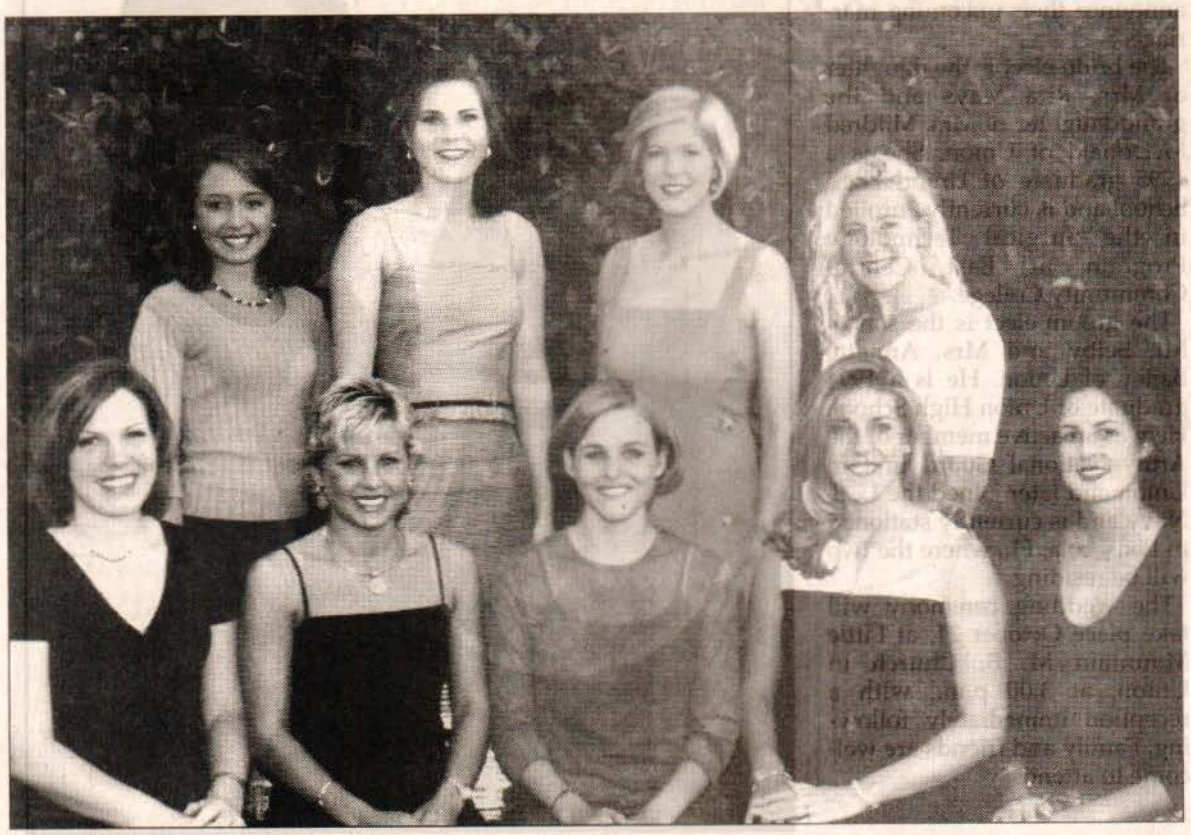

ECCC Homecoming Court..... Members of the 2000 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools Include (seated from left) sophomore maid Jerri Lynn Frey, Louisville; maid of honor Kasey Comans, Newton County Academy; queen Emily Boggan, Newton County; and sophomore maids Nikki Pearson, Louisville and Haley Ingram, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) freshman maids Molly Addkison, Winston Academy; Katherine Lauren Helms, Madison Ridgeland Academy; Keri Keith, Newton County; and Candice Cooper, Winston Academy. The queen and her court will be presented during halftime ceremonies Saturday, October 7, when the Warriors face south division rival Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Kickoff Is set for 2:30 p.m. In Warrior Stadium. The Warrior Wall 0' Sound Marching Band will present their full halftime performance immediately following the crowning of the queen. (EC Photo)

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Helping others

East Central Community College freshman Jennifer Henry of Carthage is being prepped to give blood during a recent drive conducted by United Blood Services and held on the Decatur campus. At left is Nancy Breckinridge, a lead donor care specialist with UBS. The drive netted 45 pints of blood, according to ECCC nurse Gloria Rigdon who coordinated the activity.

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WEEK OF 10/2/10

Receives ECCC scholarships

These East Central Community College students recently received Nontraditional Student Tuition Scholarships to continue their education at ECCC. The scholarship is available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at the College. The scholarship will be available for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central Community College. From left, JoLena Morris of Carthage, Johnny Moore of Conehatta, Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia and ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander.

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WEEK OF 10/9/10

ECCC PBL OFFICERS - serving as officers of the East Central Community College Phi Beta Lambda organization are (from left) Mark Harris of Philadelphia, vice president; Rebecca Bradshaw of Morton, reporter; Evelyn Robinson of Forest, treasurer; Ernie Brown of Little Rock, president; and Jessica Johnson of Philadelphia, secretary. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students interested in business or a business related field as a major. (EC photo)

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WEEK OF 10/9/00

Warrior Showdown Rodeo set October 26-28 in Philadelphia

Collegiate rodeo competition returns to the area later this month when the second annual "Warrior Showdown" is held at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Sponsored by the East Central Community College Rodeo Team, the three-day event begins Thursday, October 26, with competition getting underway at 7:30 p.m. each evening. A slack rodeo is also planned and will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, October 27. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children age six and over. There is no charge to attend the slack rodeo.

Also scheduled are several jackpot events that will take place Saturday, October 27. (For more information contact Michael Alexander or Tracy Dearing at ECCC, extensions 231 or 205.)

This year's Showdown features 20 teams from the Ozark Region who will test their skills in Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Break Away Roping and Goat Tying. In addition to ECCC, other colleges participating include Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA; Missouri Valley College in Marshall, MO; Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia; Michigan State University in East Lansing; Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia; Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield; University of Tennessee at Martin; University of West Alabama in Livingston; Arkansas State University in Jonesboro; Faulkner State Community College, Bay Minette, AL; Murray State University, Murray, KY; Northwest Muscle Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals, AL; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN; Arkansas Tech University in Russellville; Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; University of Arkansas at Monticello; University of Georgia in Athens; and University of Illinois at Urbana.

Members of the ECCC team are Natalie Tillman of Union, Sara Wilson of Mendenhall, Nikki Rabon and Max Bounds, both of Newton; Brian Newell of Meridian, Adam Costillow of Wesson, Trey Austin of Richland, Sam Crowson of Louisville, Darvol Hart of Little Rock, Billy Brake of Brandon, Billy Mack Kinard of Collinsville and Bubba Clark of Jachin, Alabama. Larry Dial of Livingston, Ala., serves as coach. ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander is the team sponsor.

The ECCC Rodeo Team began the 2000-2001 season at Missouri Valley College September 28-30. In that competition, Sara Wilson won first place in Break Away Roping and the Lady Warriors placed third overall.

The Warrior Showdown Rodeo is sponsored in part by a grant from the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Tourism Council.

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ECCC WARRIOR CORPS OFFICERS - These East Central Community College sophomores were selected to serve as Warrior Corps officers for the 2000-2001 term. From left are Marcus Williams of Pelahatchie, vice president; Andy Chambers of Forest, president; Haley Ingram of Philadelphia, secretary; and Kelli Harris of Decatur, treasurer. The Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC to host 'Warrior Showdown' rodeo

By Austin Bishop

The Meridian Star

PHILADELPHIA — The East Central Community College rodeo team will host a 19-team, three-day event at the Neshoba County Coliseum beginning Thursday, Oct. 26.

"This is really a big event for us and draws in people from all around," Bubby Johnston, ECCC's vice president for public relations. "It seems like it is getting bigger and bigger."

The "Warrior Showdown" begins at 7:30 p.m. each night. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

In college rodeo, teams from junior colleges and four-year colleges and universities compete against each other.

Among the schools represented at the "Warrior Showdown" will be the University of Georgia, University of Notre Dame and Michigan State University.

Did you know?

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WEEK OF 10/9/00

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WEEK OF Oct. 16, 2000

EC Gospel Choir

Above are members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir for 2000-01. First row, from left, are Sabrina Hall and Jamie Stewart, both of Carthage; La'Quisha Latimer, Philadelphia; McKenzie Mack, Pulaski; Demetra Dawkins, Hickory; Sarah Cole, Newton; and Shanna Tavis, Crystal Springs. Second row, from left, are Mary LeFlore, Carthage; Stephanie Ford, Louin; Chalunda Hudson, Philadelphia; Kymberly Patrick, Decatur; Jessica Smith, Forest; Nekemia Hudson, Louisville; Shawn Simmons, Carthage; Candace Stennis, Louisville; Alria Lee, Pelahatchie; and LaToya Johnson, Hickory. Third row, from left, are Rena Perry, Louisville; Veronica Adams, Quitman; Michelle Simmons, Carthage; Erica Sumrall, Shubuta; Nikki Nelson and Lakeshia Burnside, both of Philadelphia; Laura Nichols, Lawrence; and Brandy Johnson and Val Stribling, both of Philadelphia. Fourth row, from left, are Charmaine Jones, Philadelphia; Nicole Collins, Noxapater; Sheree Williams, Newton; Teresa Ogletree, Birmingham, Al.; Yolanda Carson, Carthage; Chrissy Burnside, Philadelphia; Danylle Dawkins and Monica Patrick, both of Decatur; Natalie Chapman, Tasha Foster and Suzanna Rush, all of Philadelphia; Kineka Marshall, Lena; Tanzamekia Adams, Meridian; Angela Foster, Quitman; Latoya Rush, Louisville; and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, sponsor, of Lawrence. Fifth row, from left, are LaVar Robinson, director, of Decatur; Robert Finch, Louisville; Paul Ford, Lena; Ryan Louis, Forest; Alex Moore, Lake; Timothy Cager, Union; Levi Duncan, Eustis, FL; Kenny Hurt, Northport, AL; Quamine Moore, Louisville; and Alex Gill, musician, of Meridian. Sixth row, from left, are Ellis Harrison, Walnut Grove; Ken Jernigan, Decatur; Ty Stafford, Philadelphia; Aaron Johnson, Newton; Ellis Pickle, Carthage; Teon Wilson, Newton; Terrance Anderson, Preston; Jonathan Griffin, Philadelphia; Terrance Ross, Bay Springs; Detrick Sanders and Robert McQueen, both of Louisville; Birchel Robinson, Forest; and Quin Moore, Louisville.

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WEEK OF 10/16/10

East Central hosts college rodeo event at Neshoba Coliseum

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

The East Central Community College rodeo team will be hosting a 19-team, three-day event at the Neshoba County Coliseum beginning on Thursday, Oct. 26.

"This is really a big event for us and draws in people from all around," said ECCC vice president for public relations Bubby Johnston. "It seems like it is getting bigger and bigger."

The "Warrior Showdown" begins at 7:30 p.m. each night with admission being $5 for adults and $3 for children and is sponsored in part by a grant from the Philadelphia Neshoba County Tourism Council.

In the sport of college rodeo, teams from junior colleges and four-year colleges and universities compete against each other.

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The East Central Community College rodeo team plays host to the Warrior Showdown at the Neshoba County Coliseum. Pictured are, front row from left, Natalie Tillman, Sara Wilson, "Sue" the mascot, and Nikki Rabon. Standing from left, Max Bounds, Brian Newell, Adam Costillow, Trey Austin, Sam Crowson, Darvol Hart, Billy Brake, Bubba Clark and Billy Mack Kinard.

The events in the "Warrior Showdown" will be:

- bareback
- saddle bronc
- bull riding
- steer wrestling
- calf roping
- team roping
- barrel racing
- break away roping
- goat tying.

The coach for the ECCC team is Larry Dial, while Michael Alexander serves as the team sponsor.

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WEEK OF Oct. 21, 2000

ECCC Players to present 'Crimes of the Heart'

The East Central Community College Players will present the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley, as their annual fall dinner theatre production. A student performance will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Admission is $5. Regular performances will be at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 9-11. Admission is $12 and includes dinner. All performances will be held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

The play is set in Hazlehurst in the home of the Magrath sisters. They have gathered to await news of their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, the older sister, is unmarried at 30 and facing diminishing marital prospects. Meg, the middle sister, returns to Hazlehurst after a failed singing career on the West Coast; while Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach.

Juanita West, production director said, "The play is the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future, but the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind long after the lights go out."

Cast members include Karen Hailey of Louisville as Lenny Magrath, Rebecca McNally of Philadelphia as Chick Boyle, Brad Harrell of Carthage as Doc Porter, Heidi Wallen of Ethel as Meg Magrath, Megan Morrison of Edinburg as Babe Botrelle and Joseph Seymer of Leake Academy as Barnette Lloyd. Amber Graham of Newton County High School serves as prop assistant and Nicole Bridges of Newton serves as assistant director. Regina Rigby of Forest serves as director.

For more information contact West at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, phone 635-2111 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 236.

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WEEK OF 10/23/00

ECCC dinner theater has southern flair

DECATUR--The East Central Community College Players begin the 2000 season with a little Southern flair as they present Mississippi native Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Crimes of the Heart" November 9-1 1 on the Decatur campus.

The dinner theater will also include a Southern style menu complete with Fried Chicken and Cheese Grits. Other Southern favorites included on the menu are roast beef, creamed potatoes, squash casserole, green beans, buttered roles, pecan pie, egg custard, caramel cake and iced tea.

Cast members include Karen Hailey of Louisville as Lenny Magrath, Rebecca McNally of Philadelphia as Chick Boyle, Brad Harrell of Carthage as Doc Porter, Heidi Wallen of Ethel as Meg Magrath, Megan Morrison of Edinburg as Babe Botrelle and Joseph Seymer of Leake Academy as Barnette Lloyd. Amber Graham of Newton County High School serves as prop assistant and Nicole Bridges of Newton serves as assistant director. Regina Rigby of Forest serves as director.

All performances will be held at 7 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Tickets are $12 and go on sale October 31 . To order tickets or for more information call 635-2111, ext. 215, or phone toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext 215.

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WEEK OF 10/23/10

ECCC PBL Officers

Serving as officers of the East Cental Community College PHi Beta Lambda organization are (from left) Mark Harris of Philadelphia, vice president; Rebecca Bradshaw of Morton, reporter; Evelyn Robinson of Forest, treasurer; Ernie Brown of Little Rock, president; and Jessica Johnson of Philadelphia, business or a business related field as a major.

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WEEK OF Oct. 26, 2000

Theater cast

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WEEK OF 10/30/10

Cast rehearsing

Barnette Lloyd gives instruction to his client Babe MaGrath Botrelle as sisters Meg and Lenny listen in the East Central Community College production of Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart." Pictured are (from left) Ura Seymer of Carthage as Lloyd, Heidi Wallen of Kosciusko as Meg, Karen Hailey of Nanih Waiya as Lenny and Megan Morrison of Edinburg as Babe. Performances will be held November 9-11 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus and begin each evening at 7 o'clock.

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WEEK OF 10/30/00

Woods interested in ECCC

Elizabeth Woods checks with ECCC Warrior Corp member Andy Chambers at the Forest Scott-County College Night program held recently at the Forest National Guard Armory. Representatives from more than 30 colleges and organizations were available to provide information to the students of the five high schools on Scott County.

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WEEK OF 11/16/10

ECCC Homecoming court

Members of the 2000 East Central Community College Homecoming Court and their respective high schools include, first row, from left, freshman maids Molly Atkison and Candice Cooper, both of Winston Academy; Katherine Lauren Helms of Madison Ridgeland Academy and Keri Keith of Newton County; queen Emily Boggan of Newton County; maid of honor Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy; and sophomore maids Jerri Lynn Frey of Louisville, Haley Ingram of Philadelphia and Nikki Pearson of Louisville; back row, from left, escorts Jeremy Thomas of Neshoba Central, Jonathan McMillin of Winston Academy, Ben Bourland of Louisville, Chris Comans of Newton, Chris Carson and Steve Pearson, both of Newton County; Blake Revette of Newton, and Ryan Crick and Justin Reed, both of Louisville. The court was presented during halftime ceremonies of the East Central-Co-Lin football game Oct. 7.

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WEEK OF 11/6/10

ECCC to present 'Crimes of the Heart'

High-strung cousin and neighbor Chick Boyle fills Doc Porter's ear about her cousin Lenny in the East Central Community College production of Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart." Pictured are (from left) Brad Harrell of Carthage as Doc Porter, Rebecca McNally of Philadelphia as Chick Boyle and Karen Hailey of Nanih Waiya as Lenny. Performances will be held Nov. 9-11 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus and begin each evening at 7. Tickets are $12 and include dinner. For more information or to reserve tickets phone 635-2111, ext. 215, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

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WEEK OF 11/6/00

ECCC Band to present halftime show Nov. 8th

The East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band will present its full halftime show during a special performance sheduled at 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 8 at Warrior Stadium on the Decatur campus.

Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson sai the encore performance is being presented "due to numerous requests from relatives of band members, Warrior football players and the general public."

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission.

For more information contact Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 228.

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Events

WEEK OF 11/13/10

EC Choir to present fall concert

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will present its annual fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 16, in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Included in the program will be works by DeCormier, Lotti, Manz and Handel.

In addition to the choir, the Ac'cents, the college's show choir, and various ensembles, will perform. There is no charge for admission.

Members of the ECCC concert choir from our readership area include:

Jennifer Bane, Jessie Eakes, Tammera Graham, Boris Griffin, Charmaine Jones, Kathy Jones, Val Stribling, Josh Black, Michael Hodgins, Shondra Moore and Ty Stafford, all of Philadelphia.

Tim Akins, Keri Keith, Jeff Pates, Ricardo Robinson, Kymberly Patrick, Chris Carson, Kelli Harris, Lucas Majure and Amanda Stamper, all of Decatur; Lindsey Bridges, Sarah Cole, Jennifer Cuchens, Aaron Johnson, Casie Page, Tiffany Simmons, Glen Thomas, Tori Tjerina and Carl Wilson, all of Newton.

Caleb Cook, Sarah Johnson and David Thorne, all of Hickory; Rebecca Germany, Dana Milling, Holly Davidson, and Leslie Mangrum, all of Union; Laura Nichols of Lawrence; Dustin Burton and Josh Sanders, both of Little Rock; Kristy Haygood of Chunky.

Amanda Allen, Jessica Brooks, Laura McMillan, Krystal Moore, Ryan Louis and Frazier Wash, all of Forest; Crystal Ancelet, Evie Perreavit and Rachel Smith, all of Lake.

Rebecca Peterson, Carley Wilson and Phillip Johnson, all of Collinsville.

For more information contact choral director Tony Kinton at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 1-877-GO-2-ECCC, ext. 367.

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WEEK OF 11/20/10

ECCC Collegians to present Fall Campus Concert November 20

The campus of East Central Community College in Decatur will again be rocking to the sounds of the Collegians who will present their fall concert at 8 p.m. Monday, November 20 in Huff Auditorium. Admission is free.

The talented rock 'n' roll group will perform hits by Three Doors Down, Faith Hill, Christina Aguilera, Baha Men and many other popular artists. The Collegians have also been selected as featured performers at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, in May, 2001.

Members include vocalists Amber Gainer of Louisville, Josh Burton and Josh Sanders, both of Newton County High School, Megan Tramill of Newton, Claire Edgar of Union and Teresa Ogletree of Birmingham; Mitzi Rogers, saxophone, of Forest; Joshua Black, trombone, of Neshoba Central; Frazier Wash, keyboard, of Forest; Brittany Bane, guitar and Kirk Misso, bass guitar, both of Neshoba Central; Lucas Majure, drums and Dustin Burton, trumpet, both of Newton County; Adam Mann, trumpet, of Philadelphia; and technicians Ben Boyette and Andy Murphy, both of Southeast Lauderdale, Robert Hodgins of Neshoba Central, Josh Young of Leake Academy, Ryan Woodard of Louisville and Josh Tillman of Forest. Thomas W. Carson serves as director.

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WEEK OF 11/20/00

EC to hold annual beauty, beau pageant

East Central Community College in Decatur will hold its annual beauty and beau pageant at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Huff Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

Thirty-five young women will compete for the title of Most Beautiful. Four beauties will also be named.

Pageant director Carol Shackelford said, "The pageant will consist of sportswear, evening gown and interview competition. The five beaus selected by the student body will assist on stage during the pageant and Most Handsome will be named in conjunction with the crowning of Most Beautiful."

Former Miss Mississippi Heather Soriano of Philadelphia will serve as mistress of ceremonies and will also provide entertainment.

East Central's 1999-2000 Most Beautiful Lachelle Gibson of Forest will also perform.

For more information contact Carol Shackelford at 636-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 365.

ECCC CENTRALETTES.... These students are members of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall 0' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Natalie Boggan of Newton County, Claire Edgar of Union, McKenzie Mack of Morton, Katy Bourland, Molly Addkison and Candice Cooper, all of Winston Academy; Emily Boggan of Newton County and Amanda Pope of Scott Central; (second row, from left) Jessica Brown of Carthage, Wendy Huff of Morton, Sarah Johnson of Newton, Miranda Faulk of Winston Academy, Mae Walker of Newton County and Mary Clare Tranum of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Marie Griffith of Newton County, Whitney Westberry of Forest, Melonie Moore of Newton County, Jennifer Cuchens of Newton, Nikki Pearson of Louisville, Missy Johnson of Newton County, Amy Jones of Forest and Shelby Withers of Carthage. Lori Muse serves as choreographer. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. *(EC Photo)*

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ECCC Gospel Choir Concert set Dec. 6

The East Central Community College Gospel Choir will present its annual fall concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 6 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. The public is invited and admission is free. This year's guest speaker is the Rev. Marcus Mann, a former ECCC basketball standout and Hall of Fame member. Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson serves as gospel choir sponsor.

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WEEK OF 11/20/10

EC Band Council

These students are members of the band council for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Centralette assistant captain Amy Jones of Forest, Centralette captain Jessica Brown of Carthage, assistant drum major Ricardo Robinson of Newton County, drum major Frazier Wash of Forest, and guard co-captains Bevin Rieger of Pearl and Leslie Bryan of Neshoba Central; (second row, from left) first chair trombone Joshua Black of Neshoba Central, first trumpet Dustin Burton of Newton County, drum captain Brooks Hamilton of Angleton, Texas; first chair alto saxophone Julie White of Newton County and first chair clarinet LaChae Barrett of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) first chair tenor saxophone Josh Young of Leake Academy, first chair French horn Chris Carson of Newton County and first chair tuba Kirk Misso of Neshoba Central.

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WEEK OF 11/20/10

Eakes, Jones among Warrior Corps members

Two Philadelphia residents are among students recently selected sa member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Jessica Eakes

Jessica Eakes of Philadelphia is a special honor graduate of Philadelphia High School where she was salutatorian of her class. She was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a Superintendent's List Scholar. At East Central, the freshman English major is a member of the Baptist Student Union and the concert choir.

Eakes is the daughter of Richard Eakes and Robin Eakes, both of Philadelphia.

Kathy Jones

Kathy Jones, of Philadelphia, is an honor graduate of Neshoba Central, where she was named to the Hall of Fame, served as president of the student body association and was treasurer of the senior class. She also received the award for 'Senior Class Best Character" and was the recipient of the John Phillip Sousa Award for band.

At East Central, the freshman prelaw and performing arts major is a member of the Baptist Student Union, Students in Free Enterprise, the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band, and the concert choir.

Jones is the daughter of Shirley Jones of Philadelphia and the late Nathaniel Jones.

Lana Rogers

Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove is a graduate of Leake Academy where she served as president of the student body association and president of the Beta Club. She was selected Leake's 1998 Homecoming Queen and in Who's Who elections she was chosen "Most Admired" and received the best leadership award.

At East Central, she is a freshman music education major with an emphasis in piano.

Rogers is the daughter of Dale and Penny Rogers of Walnut Grove.

Rachel Roland of Carthage is a graduate of Leake Academy where she was selected to Who's Who Among American High School students. She served as secretary of the student council and was the recipient of the courtesy award. In Who's Who elections, Roland was selected "Most Dependable."

Rachel Roland

At East Central, the sophomore elementary education major, is a member of the Student Education Association.

Roland is the daughter of Jennie Roland of Carthage and the late Paul Roland.

Jessica Sistrunk

Jessica Sistrunk of Edinburg is an honor graduate of Edinburg High School where she was vice president of the student government association and was a member of the Beta Club. In addition, she was selected an outstanding scholar athlete.

A freshman accounting major, Sistrunk is the daughter of Ricky and Pam Sistrunk of Edinburg.

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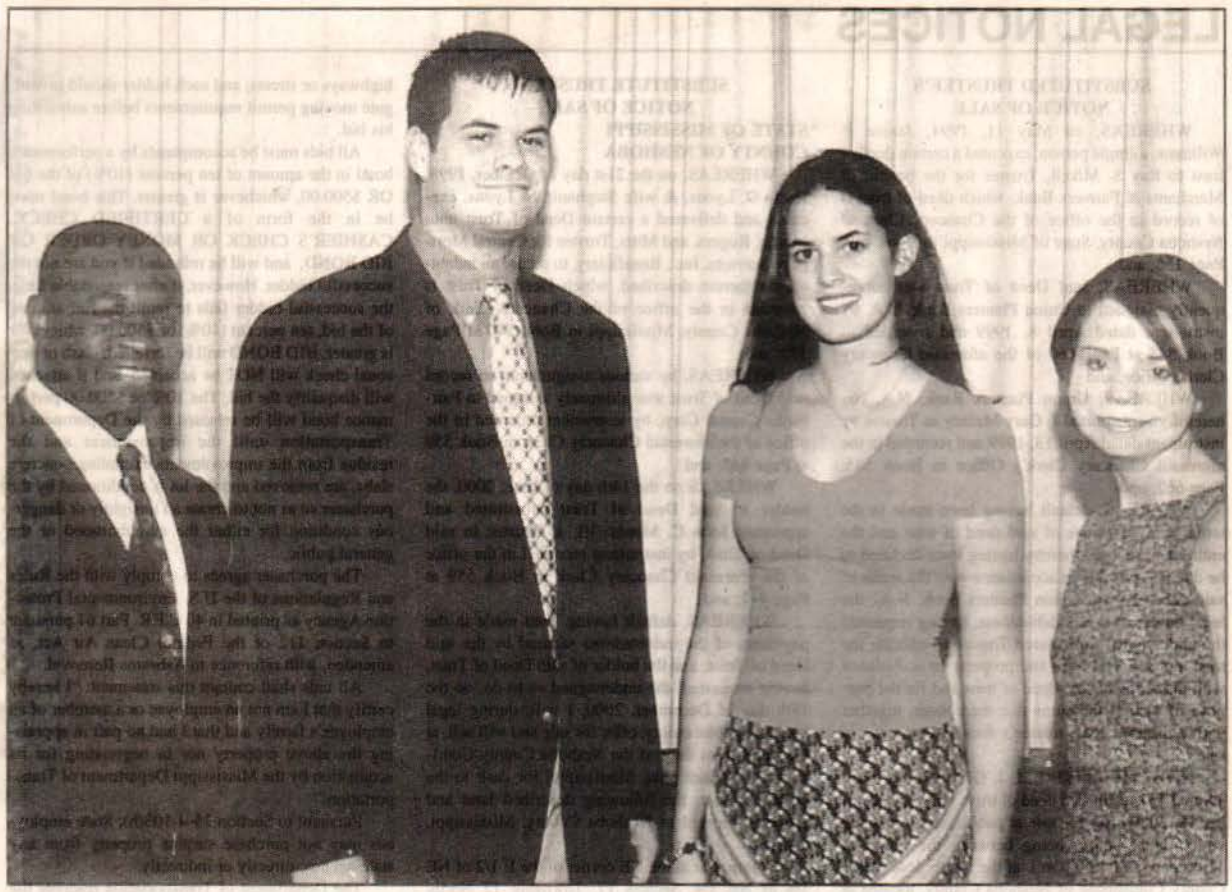

ECCC Warrior Corps officers

These East Central Community College sophomores were selected to serve as Warrior Corps officers for the 2000-2001 term. From left are Marcus Williams of Pelahatchie, vice president; Andy Chambers of Forest, president; Haley Ingram of Philadelphia, secretary; and Kelli Harris of Decatur, treasurer. The Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serve as sponsor.

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ECCC Band members

These students from Neshoba County are members of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are, first row, from left, Mandy Calecas and Rebecca McNally, both of Philadelphia; Laney Ryals and Jessica Johnson, both of Neshoba Central; Natasha Foster of Philadelphia; Erin McDaniel, Shayla Kirksey, Emily Hill, Kathy Jones and Leslie Bryan, all of Neshoba Central; second row, from left, Michelle Winstead, Kerri Burks and Heather Brantley, all of Neshoba Central; Chalunda Hudson of Philadelphia; Melonie Moore of Neshoba Central; Abe Thomas of Philadelphia and Krystal Griffin of Neshoba Central; and back row, from left, Brandon Jones, Joshua Black, Jason Williams and Mark Eakes, all of Neshoba Central; Dustin Renfrow of Leake Academy; Adam Mann of Philadelphia; Greg Duncan and Robert Hodgins, both of Neshoba Central; and Jeremy Woodall of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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ECCC Band members

These students are members of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are, first row, from left, Teresa Ogletree of Birmingham, Ala., Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, Renae Irby of Clarkdale, Bevin Rieger of Pearl and Jeff Pates of Ocean Springs; back row, Brooks Hamilton of Angleton, Texas, Kirk Misso of Neshoba Central and Ben Boyette and Andy Murphy, both of Southeast Lauderdale. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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ECCC Band council

These students are members of the band council for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Centralette assistant captain Amy Jones of Forest, Centralette captain Jessica Brown of Carthage, assistant drum major Ricardo Robinson of Newton County, drum major Frazier Wash of Forest, and guard co-captains Bevin Rieger of Pearl and Leslie Bryan of Neshoba Central; (second row, from left) first chair trombone Joshua Black of Neshoba Central, first trumpet Dustin Burton of Newton County, drum captain Brooks Hamilton of Angleton, Texas; first chair alto saxophone Julie White of Newton County and first chair clarinet LaChae Barrett of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) first chair tenor saxophone Josh Young of Leake Academy, first chair French horn Chris Carson of Newton County and first chair tuba Kirk Misso of Neshoba Central. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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EC Collegians to perform at Disney World

The popular East Central Community College musicians group, The Collegians, perform hits by Three Doors Down, Faith Hill, Christina Aguliera, Baha Men and many others. The group will be featured performers at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, in May, 2001. Members include (kneeling from left) technicians Ben Boyette of Southeast Lauderdale, Robert Hodgins of Neshoba Central; Josh Young of Leake Academy, Ryan Woodard of Louisville, Andy Murphy of Southeast Lauderdale and Josh Tillman of Forest; (second row, from left) vocalists Amber Gainer of Louisville, Josh Burton of Newton County, Megan Tramill of Newton, Claire Edgar of Union and Teresa Ogletree of Birmingham; Mitzi Rogers, saxophone, of Forest and Joshua Black, trombone, of Neshoba Central; and (third row, from left) Frazier Wash, keyboard, of Forest; Brittany Bane, guitar and Kirk Misso, bass guitar, both of Neshoba Central; Lucas Majure, drums and Dustin Burton, trumpet, both of Newton County; and Adam Mann, trumpet, of Philadelphia. Thomas W. Carson serves as director.

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These students are members of the drum line for the Warrior Wall 01 Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Rebekah May of Forest, Lucy Kuntz of Leake Academy, Marcus Pickel of Edinburg, Brooks Hamilton of Angleton (Texas) High School, Andy Murphy of Southeast Lauderdale, Kari Freeny of Carthage and Chad Austin of Forest; (second row, from left) Kerri Burks of Neshoba Central, Lucas Majure of Newton County, Greg Duncan of Neshoba Central, David Thorne of Newton County, Keith Beatty of Morton, Kymberly Patrick of Union and Michelle Simmons of Carthage; and (back row, from left) Josh Tillman of Forest, Jason Gaines and Jeff Pates, both of Newton County; Jensen Jones of Carthage; Eric Hollingsworth of Newton County; Brad Parker of Leake Academy; and Ryan Louis of Forest. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. Jared Brownlee serves as percussion instructor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC band managers

These students are managers for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Brandon Jones of Neshoba Central, Davin Langford of Louisville and Nathan Trosper of Nanih Waiya; and (back row, from left) Josh Sanders of Newton County, Robert Hodgins of Neshoba Central and Clay Cooper of Leake Academy. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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Scott County students are members of EC marching band

These students from Scott County are members of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jessica Smith of Forest, McKenzie Mack of Morton, Lisa Adcock of Forest, Amanda Pope of Scott Central, Wendy Huff of Morton, Beth Bell of Scott Central and Amy Jones of Forest; (second row, from left) Ashley Jones of Forest, Paul Ford of Morton, Allison Latham, Jessica Brooks, Mitzi Rogers and Whitney Westberry, all of Forest; (back row, from left) Frazier Wash of Forest, Dwayne Anderson of Scott Central, Jake Harrell of Morton, Rebekah May and Chad Austin, both of Forest; Rheannan Crane of Morton, Brandy Townsend of Scott Central, Alex Moore of Lake, Keith Beatty of Morton, Josh Tillman of Forest, Timothy Grand and William Land, both of Morton; and Ryan Louis of Forest. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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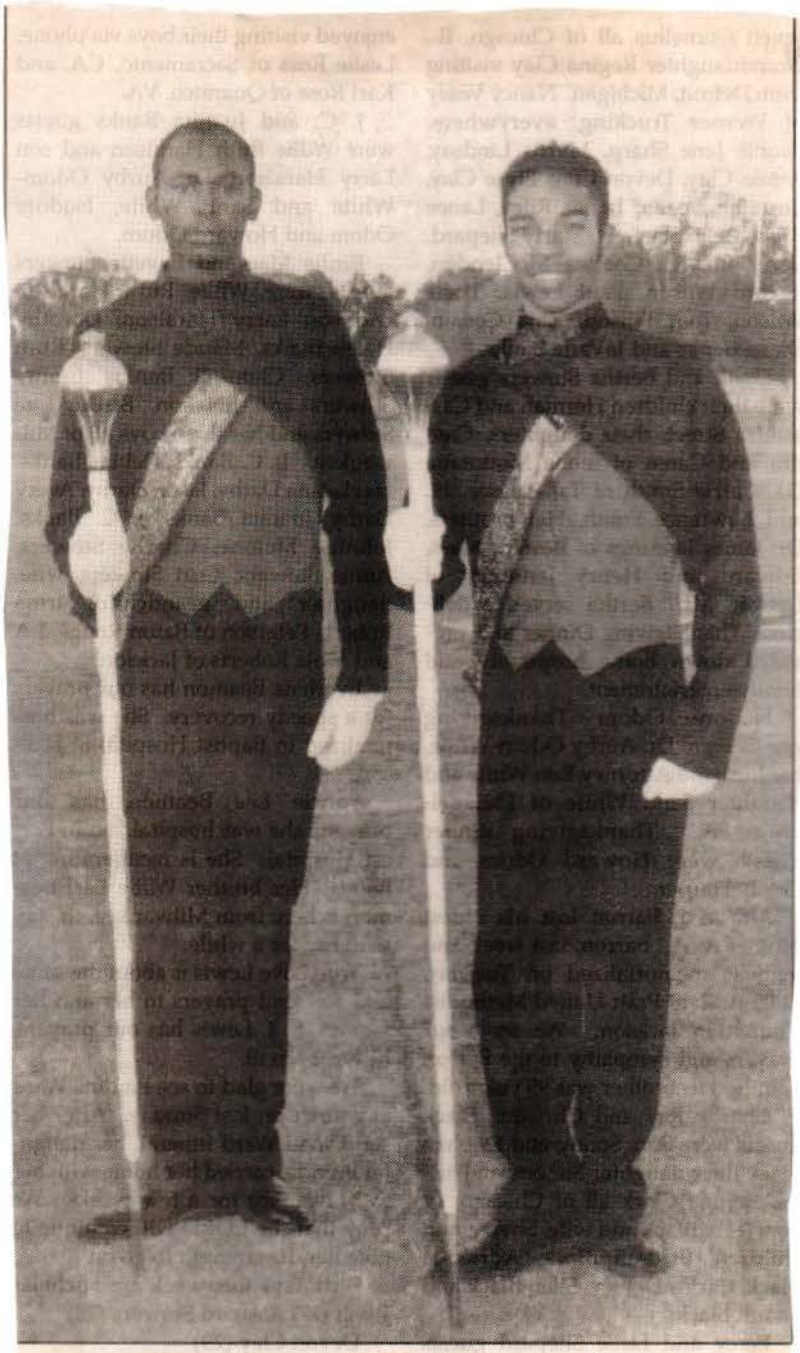

Frazier is EC drum major

Sophomore Frazier Wash (left) of Forest is serving his second year as drum major for the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Band and freshman Ricardo Robinson of Decatur is assistant drum major. Wash is a 1999 graduate of Forest High School where he received All-Superior ratings in leading the Bearcat Band at State Band Contest during his senior year. He is the grandson of Mae and Frazier Rankin of Forest. Robinson is a 2000 graduate of Newton County High School where he served two years as drum major for the Cougar Band. He also received a superior rating at State Band Contest. In addition to serving as assistant drum major, Robinson is in his second year as color guard instructor for the Wall O' Sound. He is the son of Cyndi Robinson of Decatur.

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ECCC gospel choir to hold annual fall concert

The East Central Community College Gospel Choir will present its annual fall concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. The public is invited and admission is free. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Marcus Mann, a former ECCC basketball standout and Hall of Fame member. Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson serves as gospel choir sponsor.

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WEEK OF 11/20/10

EC Band members

These students from Leake County are members of the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jessica Brown, Shelby Withers, Laura Chamblee and Michelle Simmons, all of Carthage; and Amber Johnson of Leake Academy; (second row, from left) Ellis Harrison of South Leake, Jamie Stewart, Jensen Jones and Kari Freeny, all of Carthage and Lucy Kuntz and Clay Cooper, both of Leake Academy; and (back row, from left) Ellis Pickle of Carthage, Josh Young of Leake Academy, Brad Harrell of Carthage, Marcus Pickel of Edinburg and Brad Parker of Leake Academy. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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East Cent. hosts juco tournament

East Central Community College in Decatur will be the host site for a community/junior college basketball tournament scheduled November 20-21 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Teams from Jones, Delta, Holmes and East Central will compete in the two-day event.

Games scheduled on the first day of competition include Jones and Delta women at 2 p.m. followed by the Jones and Delta men matchup at 4 p.m. East Central and Holmes women meet at 6 p.m. followed by the East Central and Holmes men at 8 p.m.

The Jones and Holmes women matchup at 2 p.m. begins second-day action. Jones and Holmes men tip-off at 4 p.m. followed by the East Central and Delta women at 6 p.m. Competition concludes with East Central and Delta men at 8 p.m.

Warrior rep

Jessica Sistrunk of Edinburg was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. A freshman accounting major, Sistrunk is the daughter of Ricky and Pam Sistrunk of Edinburg.

EC Warrior

Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. Rogers is the daughter of Dale and Penny Rogers of Walnut Grove.

Roland tapped

Rachel Roland of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor. Roland is the daughter of Jennie Roland of Carthage and the late Paul Roland.

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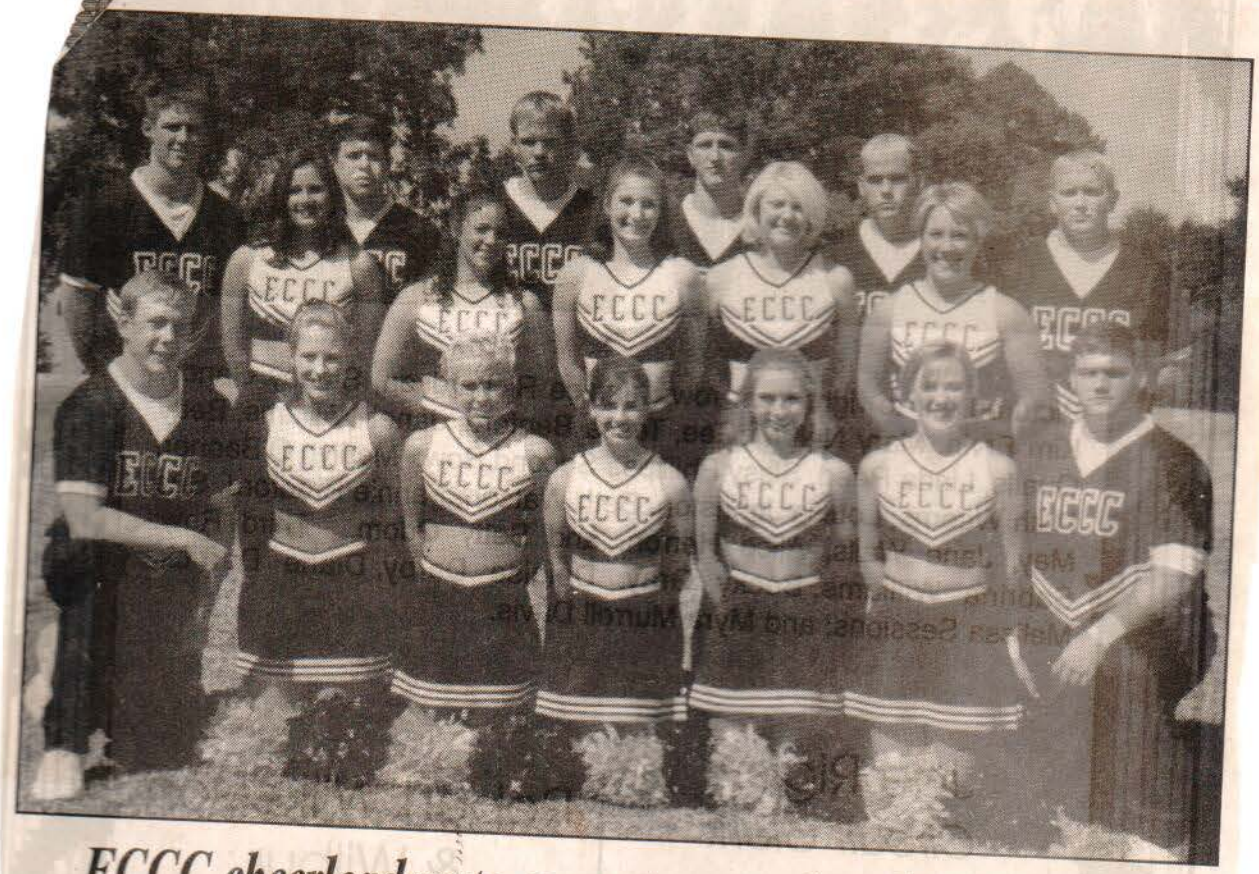

ECCC cheerleaders to compete at national competition

The East Central Community College cheerleading squad will participate in a national cheerleading competition January 11-14 in Orlando, Florida. The squad was one of only 12 junior colleges from throughout the nation selected by Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) to participate in the annual competition. Squad members include (kneeling, from left) Jonathan McMillin of Winston Academy, Leann Eddins of Heifelberg Academy, Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy, Kelly Walker of Neshoba Central, Courtney Graham of West Lauderdale, Keri Henley of Heidelberg Academy and Heath Dye of Morton; (second row, from left) Brandi Bounds of West Lauderdale, Leigh Ann Morrow and Kristin Harris, both of Enterprise; Gina Wall of West Lauderdale and Leslie Crenshaw of Newton; and (back row, from left) Jonathan Elmore of Puckett, Lee Thompson and Jason Denson, both of Morton; Todd Babb of Pisgah, Andrew Latham of Forest and Chris Van Etten of Scott Central. Not pictured is mascot Bryan Burnside of Carthage. Kim Mangum serves as sponsor.

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ECEC donates to Beautification Project

The East Central Community College Environmental Club (ECEC) recently made a $110 donation to the Living Lands & Waters Restoration Fund. The fund, initiated by Chad Pregracke of East Moline, Illinois, was developed to clean up the Mississippi River and its shoreline. Since 1997, Pregracke and his crew have cleaned up over 900 miles of shoreline and collected over 400,000 pounds of trash. In 1999, the group started the Adopt-A-Mississippi River Mile program. ECEC members shown mailing the check include (seated in front from left) Carrie Massey of Decatur and Brandy Richardson of Forest; (kneeling from left) Samantha Taylor of Louisville, Edgar Bradford of Forest, and Ernie Brown and Bridget Minor, both of Little Rock; and (standing, from left) Andria Harris of Walnut Grove, Nichole Collins of Noxapater, Lucas Majure and Daniel Pearce, both of Decatur; and Malissa Bryant of Forest. Laura Hammons serves as club sponsor.

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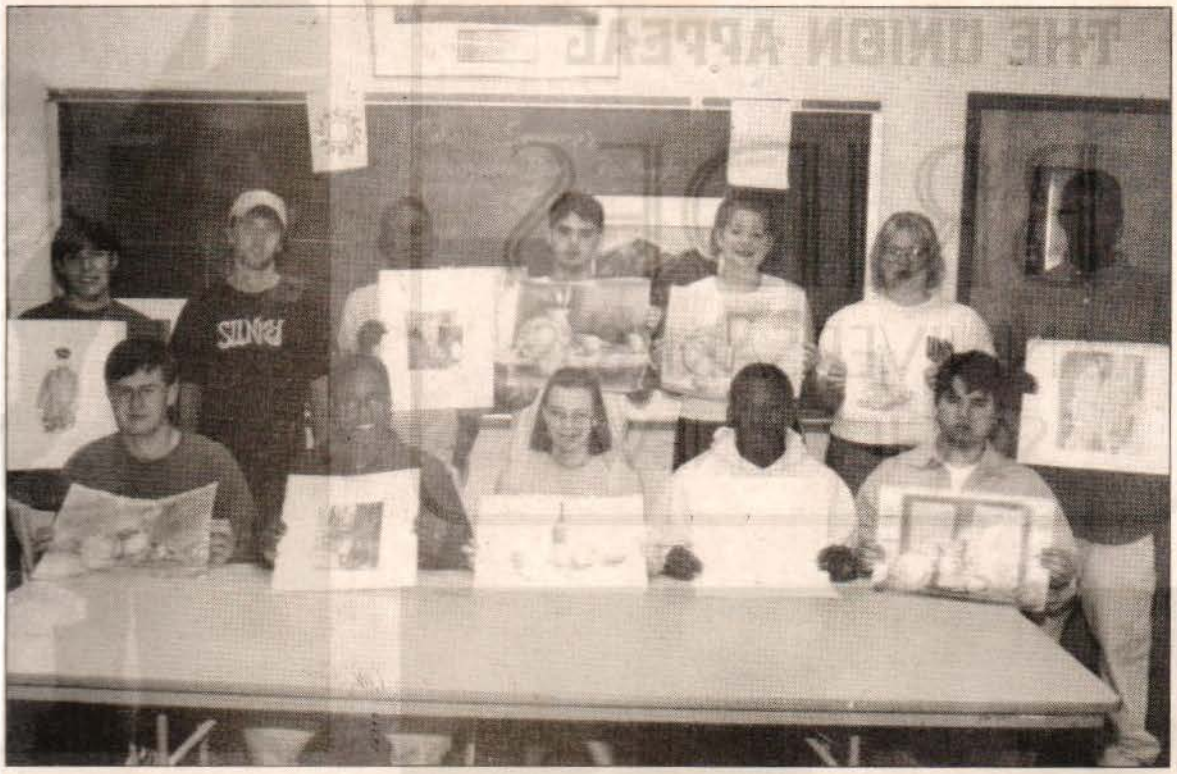

Display Artwork... East Central Community College recently held its fall art show showcasing the works of students under the tutelage of instructors Bruce Guraedy and Todd Eldridge. Among students participating in the annual event included (seated from left) Lee Luke of Louisville, Katrina Wise and Laura Shook, both of Newton; Markeith Brown of Jackson and Aaron McElfish of Union. Standing from left are Rene Irby of Meridian, Jess May of Philadelphia, Tim Cager of Union, Bradley Luke of Nanih Waiya, Celeste Akins of Decatur, Amber Graham of Conehatta and Dewayne Humphrey of Quitman. The artwork will be on display in the Vickers Fine Arts Center through December 7. *(EC Photo)*

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WEEK OF 11/27/10

McMahen joins Warrior Corps

Jessica McMahen

Jessica McMahen of Carthage was recently selected a member of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting a serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

McMahen is an honor graduate of Leake Academy, where she was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and served as secretary of the student body association.

At East Central, she is a freshman pre-medicine major.

McMahen is the daughter of Stephen and Sandra McMahen of Carthage.

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WEEK OF Dec. 4, 2000

RECEIVE National Honor - East Central Community College sophomore Amy Jones (left) of Forest and freshman Marie Griffith of Hickory, both members of the Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band, were recently selected as members of the American All-Star Performance Team. They are among 300 squad members chosen from a field of 15,000 performers throughout the nation who traveled to London, England, in November on an International Goodwill Performance Tour. The troupe also performed at the Millennium Dome in London. During their stay in England, the all-American Performance Team participated in a panoramic city tour of London and traveled tothe Althorp House, childhood home of Princess Diana. in addition, the All-Star Team attended one of the most acclaimed musicals, *Phantom of the Opera*. The international performance team is an honor reserved only for those individuals who most exemplify that energetic, young American "spirit," according to a team spokesman. Various criteria are also involved in the selection process. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 12/4/10

Local students named to EC Warrior Corps

Six area students were recently selected members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps. Jonathan Huff, Mitzi Rogers, and Sarah Jane Eason of Forest; Leanne Earls and Wendy Huff of Morton; and McKenzie Mack of Pulaski were named to the select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as advisor.

Jonathan Huff is an honor graduate of Forest High School where he was selected most versatile in Who's Who elections and received the FHS Service Award. In addition, he was the recipient of the Mississippi High School Hall of Fame Athletics and Academic Achievement Award.

A freshman optometry major, he is the son of Bill Huff and Vicki Huff of Forest.

Rogers is a graduate of Forest High School where she was selected to the Hall of Fame and was a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, she served as vice president of the Beta Club and secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

At East Central, she is a member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, the Collegians and the Baptist Student Union.

A freshman pre-pharmacy major, she is the daughter of Larry and Debbie Rogers of Forest.

Eason is an honor graduate of Forest High School where she was a member of the Beta Club and the Madrigals. She was also selected a scholar athlete of the month and served as bat girl captain and class secretary.

A freshman liberal arts major, she is the daughter of Dr. Randy and Beth Eason of Forest.

Earls is an honor graduate of East Rankin Academy where she participated in ABC competition.

At East Central, she is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and Students Against Drunk Driving. She also serves on the Baptist Student Union council.

A sophomore pre-pharmacy major, she is the daughter of Frankie and Gale Earls of Morton.

Wendy Huff is a graduate of Morton High School where she was a member of the Beta Club and the gifted class. She served as secretary of ECTAG (East Central Talented and Gifted) and was a Panther cheerleader. In addition, she received various academic awards.

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Mack

At East Central, she is a member of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, the Diamond Girls, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and Mu Alpha Theta.

A sophomore pre-medicine major, she is the daughter of Elzy and Sarah Huff of Morton.

Mack is a graduate of Morton High School where she served as president of the student body association and was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. In addition, she was a member of the Honor Society and the Beta Club and was selected a class favorite and Homecoming maid.

At East Central, she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, and the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

A sophomore liberal arts major, she is the daughter of Annette Keeton Mack and the late Leon Mack of Morton.

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SERVE AS OFFICERS - These East Central Community College associate degree nursing students were recently selected officers of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN). Shelly riser (left) of Forest serves as first vice president and Denise Fleming, on right, of Hickory serves as chairperson of the Counsel Organization of Student Presidents (COSP). In addition, Fleming serves as president of ASNEC (Association of Student Nurses at East Central) and Riser serves as reporter. Riser was also selected to the MASN Hall of Fame.

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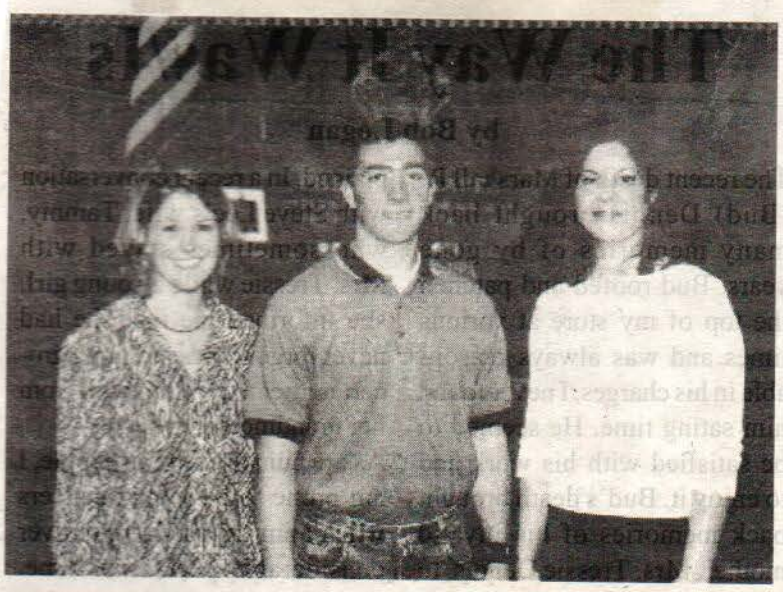

PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTEES

These Scott County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Kimberly Wooten, Jeff Stuart and Wileen Cooksey, all of Lake. To be eligible for induction, students must maintain a 3.5 overall grade point average as a full-time student. Carol Shackelford serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL RUNNERS-UP

A team called "Block Burners" won second-place honors in the annual intramural football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Ty Stafford of Philadelphia, Larry Davis of Morton, Ike Gray and Otha Lay, both of Lake; Jonathan Griffin of Philadelphia and John Booth of Taylorsville; and (standing, from left) Marcus Jones of Forest, Charles Burnside of Carthage, Courtney Boler of Walnut Grove, Earl Gray of Forest and Stevie Woitt of Carthage. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC Photo)

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New inductees

These Leake County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Jolena Morris and Martha Burris, both of Carthage, and Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove. To be eligible for induction, students must maintain a 3.5 overall grade point average as a full-time student. Carol Shackelford serves as sponsor.

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SOPHOMORE NATALIE BOGGAN of Decatur performs an experiment under the watchful eyes of biology/chemistry instructor Dr. Betty Sue Hennington of Clinton. They were selected East Central Community College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working Toward Academic Excellence honorees and will be recognized along with other award recipients at the State Capitol in February. (EC photo)

Hennington, Boggan Selected ECCC HEADWAE Honorees

East Central Community College faculty member Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington of Clinton and sophomore Natalie Boggan of Decatur are this year's recipients of the annual HEADWAE award, which recognizes outstanding instructors and students representing the state's public and private colleges and universities.

Established in 1988, HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working Toward Academic Excellence) is a program of the Mississippi Legislature, sponsored by the state's corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. The 2001 program is scheduled February 20, and begins at the State Capitol at 10 a.m. An awards luncheon follows at 11:45 a.m. in the Empire Room of the Ramada Inn.

Dr. Hennington has taught biology and chemistry at the College since 1998. Honors she has received include her selection as STAR Teacher in 1980, 1983 and 1984, while teach-

Hardeman of Memphis, Tenn., and Andy Tubertini, a student at the University of Mississippi. She has two grandchildren: Max, 4, and Griff, six months.

Boggan, an elementary education major, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and received the Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant given by Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Sorority.

She is a member of the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band; Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events; Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college; Mu Alpha Theta, a math honor society; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Student Education Association; Wesley Foundation; and the concert choir. In addition, she serves as treasurer of the student body association and was a freshman homecoming maid.

In 1997, she served as an instructor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she received the National Research Service Award from the National Institute of Health and the Merck/New Investigator Award for Excellence in High Blood Pressure Research from the American Heart Association.

Dr. Hennington is a member of the National Science Teachers Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her civic activities include fund-raising events for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the American Cancer Society.

She is married to Frank Hennington of Clinton and she has two children, Kim

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Phi Theta Kappa Inductees.... These Newton County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Kristy Haygood of Chunky, Jason Ashley Burroughs of Union and Mark Engram of Conehatta. To be eligible for induction, students must maintain a 3.5 overall grade point average as a full-time student. Carol Shackleford serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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Members of the EC marching band color guard

These students are members of the guard for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Shanna Travis of Crystal Springs, Lisa Adcock of Forest, Amanda Stamper of Newton County, Laney Ryals and Leslie Bryan, both of Neshoba Central; Bevin Rieger of Pearl, Carrie Massey of Newton County and Kathy Jones of Neshoba Central; (second row, from left) Jessica Chaney and Karla McMahan, both of Union; Rebecca McNally and Mandy Calecas, both of Philadelphia; and Jessica Johnson, Erin McDaniel, Emily Hill and Krystal Griffin, all of Neshoba Central; and (back row, from left) Jessica Smith of Forest, Miranda Welch of Louisville, Allison Latham and Jessica Brooks, both of Forest; Candace Fulton of Louisville, Renae Irby of Clarkdale, Natasha Foster of Philadelphia, Valencia Burton of Newton and Shayla Kirskey of Neshoba Central. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands.

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Phi Theta Kappa Officers....These students serve as officers of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Jason Myers of Philadelphia, vice president of fellowship; Karla McMahan of Union, secretary; Dustin Addy of Decatur, vice president of leadership; Asylbek Osmonov of Philadelphia, historian; Sarah Johnson of Hickory, treasurer; Bridget Minor of Little Rock, president; and Ernie Brown of Little Rock, vice president of scholarship. Also pictured is sponsor Carol Shackleford. To be eligible for induction, students must maintain a 3.5 overall grade point average as a full-time student. (EC Photo)

Jonathan and Andrew; Terry and Nelda McMullan and Blake; Tem and Stephanie McMullan, Cody and Charlie; Jeff and Emilie Smith, Tanner and Braden; Kenny and Brenda McMullan and Dustin; John and Bonnie Walker, Matt, Mae and Mark, all of Decatur.

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ECCC SELECTS TOP 12 BEAUTIES - Pictured are the top 12 beauties selected in the annual East Central Community College pageant. From left are Lana Rogers of Walnut Grove, Megan Tramill of Newton, Brandi Bounds of Dekalb, McKenzie Mack of Pulaski, Amy Jones of Forest, most beautiful Missy Johnson of Hickory, Bevin Rieger of Pearl, Nicole Bridges of Newton, Katherine Lauren Helms of Madison, Ashley Walters of Newton, Molly Addkison of Louisville and Haley Ingram of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

ECCC BEAUTIES, BEAUS - These students were recently selected beauties and beaus in the annual East Central Community College pageant. Pictured are (from left) McKenzie Mack of Pulaski, Michael Thompson of Collins, Amy Jones of Forest, Justin Reed of Louisville, most beautiful Missy Johnson of Hickory, most handsome Levi Duncan of Eustis, Fla.; Bevin Rieger of Pearl, Jess May of Philadelphia, Nicole Bridges of Newton and Derek Dunn of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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Who's Who recently chosen at ECCC

These East Central Community College students from Scott County students were recently chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Ashley Jones of Forest, Samantha Goss and Alicia Purvis, both of Morton, Edgar Bradford of Forest, Jason Gardner of Sebastopol, Heather Cushman of Forest and Rebecca Bradshaw of Morton. Not pictured are Lisa Adcock, Andy Chambers and Frazier Wash, all of Forest; and McKenzie Mack of Pulaski. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. they join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 instututions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

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Selected to Who's Who at ECCC..... These East Central Community College students from Newton County were recently chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Natalie Boggan and Kelli Harris, both of Decatur; Sarah Johnson of Hickory, Emily Boggan of Decatur and Bridget Minor of Little Rock; and (back row, from left) Karla McMahan and Ernie Brown, both of Little Rock; Dustin Addy of Decatur, Rebecca Massengale of Chunky and Denise Fleming of Hickory. Not pictured are Melanie Robinson of Lawrence and Julie White of Little Rock. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. (EC Photo)

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PARTICIPATE IN MUSIC COMPETITION... East Central Community College freshmen Caleb Cook (left) and Carl Wilson, both graduates of Newton County High School, recently participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Southern Region Vocal Auditions at the University of Southern Mississippi In Hattiesburg. During the competition, students are categorized according to age and number of semesters of voice studied. Both students advanced to the semifinal round. East Central vocal Instructor Ross Price said, "Approximately 65 students participated in their category and only four made it to the finals. This Is a great effort on their part and speaks highly of their dedication to the art of singing." Cook and Wilson will compete in state auditions which will be held at Mississippi College In March.

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ECCC Concert Choir

Above are members of the East Central Community College Concert Choir prior to their recent fall semester performance. Members include (first row, from left) Leslie Mangrum, Amber Gainer, Kathy Jones, Kelli Harris, Amanda Allen; Michelle Simmons and Lucy Kuntz, both of Carthage; Michael Rodgers, David Thorne, Jeff Pates, Ricardo Robinson, Shanna Travis, Krystal Moore, Rebecca Germany; Lana Rogers, Walnut Grove; Renea Irby and Brittany Bane; (second row, from left) Shandra Moore; Somer Gilmer, Carthage; Theresa Ogletree, Tammera Graham, Dana Milling, Jessica Eakes, Boris Griffin, Ryan Louis, Frazier Wash, Alvia Lee, Rebecca Peterson, Kimberly Patrick; Shena Calhoun, Ludlow, Charmaine Jones and Heidi Wallen; (third row, from left) Jennifer Bane, Sarah Johnson, Lesli Bonner; Cindy Simmons, Carthage; Sarah Cole, Phillip Johnson; Ellis Pickle, Carthage; Carl Wilson, Caleb Cook, Levi Duncan, Braden Land, Casie Page, Carley Wilson, Tori Tijerina, Rachel Smith, Jessica Brooks and Laura Nichols, and (back row, from left) Evi Perreault, Keri Keith, Crystal Ancelet, Ashley Deel, Stephanie Rogers, Josh Black, Ryan Woodard, Ty Stafford, Dustin Burton, Josh Sanders, Lucas Majure, Tim Adkins, Chris Carson, Val Stribling, Amanda Stamper, Kristy Haygood, Holly Davidson, Jennifer Cuchens and Nichole Bridges. The ECCC concert choir performs at various locations throughout the fall and spring semesters. For more information contact Director Tony Kinton at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 3327, Ph. 1-877-462-3222, ext. 367.

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Who's Who at EC

These East Central Community College students from Leake County students were recently chosen for *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Students include (from left) Karmen Jones of Walnut Grove, Patrick Wilcher of Edinburg and Ramona Corkern of Carthage. Not pictured is Martha Burris of Carthage. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

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Winston County students named to ECCC Who's Who

These East Central Community College students from Winston County students were recently chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

They include Scott Livingston, Nikki Pearson and Justin Reed, all of Louisville. Not pictured are Brandi Crowell, Josh McNeil, Lucas Nowell and Scott Popec, all of Louisville.

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ASNEC officers

These associate degree nursing students were recently selected officers of the Association of Student Nurses at East Central Community College (ASNEC). From left are reporter Shelly Riser of Forest, president Denise Fleming of Hickory, vice president Nickie dean of Newton, treasurer Amanda Griffin of Carthage and secretary Becky Anderson of Collinsville.

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WEEK OF 1-15-2000

MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO ECCC RODEO TEAM-The East Central Community College Rodeo Team recently received a financial boost thanks to a $500 check presented by Jack Winstead of Lawrence, president of the Newton County Cattleman's Association. Winstead (left) is shown making the presentation to ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith, rodeo team members, Stacy Dial of Livingston, Ala. and Nickie Dean of Newotn, and Coach Jeff Griffin of the Hero community. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-13-2000

ECCC announces fall semester honor roll

Students named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and those who received honorable mention recognition. President's List.

Named to the President's List, which includes students with a 4.0 grade point average, are the following:

LEAKE COUNTY: Jessica Brown, Amanda Hillman, Mindy Hutchison, Craig McRae, Matthew Stribling and Shannon Sullivan, all of Carthage; Amber Johnson and Christopher Kyzar, both of Lena; Jill Gray of Philadelphia; and Carl Isaac and James Smith, both of Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Khristan Abel, Barbara Bobo, Erin Boswell, Joshua Bryan, Jessica Butler, Terry Cumberland, Angela Herrin, Nykela Horne, Adam Mann, Leah Massey, Asylbek Osmonov, Brian Pendergrass, Jacquelyn Porter, Scarlet Price, Marissa Shannon and Christopher Webb, all of Philadelphia; and Jerri Adkins, Amy Arthur, Linda Pierce and Stacy Skinner, all of Union.

WINSTON COUNTY: Cassandra Eaves, Ree Hickman, Peggy Humphries, Angela Jayroe, Brittney Lee, Maria McKinley, Amy Morehead, Jason Morehead, Lucas Nowell, Michael Smith and Jennifer Snow, all of Louisville; and Gwendolyn Edwards and Beverly Reynolds, both of Noxapater.

LEAKE COUNTY: Nicholas Barham, Anita Bell, Codie Carroll, Mary Frances Chervenak, Kimberly Coghlan, Ramona Corkern, Kris Davidson, Clifton Edwards, Joseph Grice, Wendy Hester, Jennifer Jenkins, Sullivan and Marion White, all of Philadelphia; and Anita Campbell, B.J. Skinner, Jennifer Winstead and Tiffany Winstead, all of Union.

WINSTON COUNTY: Sandy Adcock, Christina Ballenger, Brandy Burnett, Wesley Coleman, Brandi Crowell, Paulette Dailey, Darrell Hallford, Amy Hatcher, Amy Herrington, Joshua Hoening, Samuel Knight, Amanda Murphy, Alicia Pearson, Raymond Popec, Holly Preston, Justin Reed, Monica Smith, Amanda Stanton, Alfred Wallace and Jana Wylie, all of Louisville; and LaShandra Carter, Leah Fulcher, John Goodin, Cantrell Lampley and Randall Orr, all of Noxapater.

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the honorable mention list and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

LEAKE COUNTY: Jessica Brumfield, Bethany Bryan, Kent Chamblee, Laurie Cockroft, Jacqueline Coward, Rebecca Fulton, Amanda Griffin, Tiffany Hutchins, Mindy Hutchison, Yolanda Jones, Lasonya Kincaid, Keisha Latham, Tryphosa McFadden, Ellis McMahen, Adam Morrison, James Parker, Marcus Pickel, Cory Rawson, Rachel Roland, Jessica Sanders, Melissa Smith, Allison Thornton, Ryan Wade, Michael Wilcher and Shelby Withers, all of Carthage; Richard Alexander, Thomas Burnes, Angie Johnson and Ashley Lay, all of Lena; Brandon Tucker, Little Rock; Jess May, Dustin Renfrow and Sonya White, all of Philadelphia; Holly Davidson, Union; Jessica Blan, Alesha Gomillion, John Gunn, Meredith Hogue, Bryan Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Karmen Jones, Grandale Tubby and Tonya Viverette, all of Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Tomekia Bishop, Stephanie Ward and Jared Woodall, all of Collinsville; Valarie Barfield, Jennifer Beckham, Mary Belk, Steven Belvin, Joshua Black, Richard Brown, Clay Byars, Nicole Clemons, Amanda Coghlan, Tiffany Farhood, Jeremy Files, Erica Flake, Laurie Fulton, Bobby Hall, Gary Hall, Josh Hardy, Darlene Hunter, Monica Isaac, Brian Joiner, Brandon Jones, Tonya Jordan, Justin Long, Thomas Madison, Brandi Martin, Erin McDaniel, Alesha Morrow, Judson Nowell, David Parker, Barbara Pickens, Justin Proctor, Brad Purvis, Beverly Rush, Bridget Sanderford, Esther Stovall, Ashley Stuart, Jeremy Thomas, Joseph Tullos, Cynthia Vasquez, Justin Webb, Michael Withers, Jackie Woodard and Paul Houston, all of Philadelphia; Brooke Albisu, Preston; and Cynthia Belk, Sherry Dionne, Jayme Ferguson, Emily Germany, Ellen Harrison, Alethia Hitt, Erica Nicholson, Rebecca Owen, Timothy Page, Laney Ryals, Bruce Sharp, Aletha Shaw, Kelley Smith and Kyle Watson, all of Union.

WINSTON COUNTY: Jason Allen, Amanda Barrett, Stormy Burnham, Jennifer Carr, Cynthia Cistrunk, Kristy Cay, Adam Daniel, James Farish, Emily Fulcher, Karen Hailey, Veronica Haynes, Kevin Hindman, Cynthia Hoskins, Nekemia Hudson, Misty Jones, Johnna Levin, Phillip Livingston, Misty McDaniel, Joshua McNeill, Todd Mulins, Sean Partridge, LaDonna Patie, Mary Quinn, Randall Sims, Matthew Snow, Brigette Sullivan, Leslie Taylor, Qunita Triplett, Patrick Warner and Jeremy Woods, all of Louisville; and Stacey Blankenship, Austin Darby, Barry Edwards, Janita Hornesbuger, Karolyn Lampley, Brent McAdory, Kellie Moore, Kristi Moore, Rita Nunn and John Wilkes, all of Noxapater.

Lacey Johnson, Lisa Price, Courtney Rawson and Dana Withers, all of Cartahge; James Brown, Lena; Mary Johnson, Madden; Vickie Lacey and Sherron Rhodes, both of Philadelphia; and Renodda Dorman, Walnut Grove.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Tony Alawine, Heather Anderson, Christie Beckham, Johnnie Brown III, Haley Bryan, Amanda Chaney, Brenda Cheek, April Clark, Johnny Cook, Kristin Deweese, Thomas Ellison, Gidgett Fox, Gloria Fox, Lorenzo Griffin, Mark Harris, Angela Holdiness, Hayley Ingram, Jessica Johnson, Brooke Kennedy, Myrtle Lewis, Jon Martin, Valeria Moore, Jason Myers, Roxanne Nickerson, Keyla Peden, Annie Peebles, Melissa Pendergrass, Pamela Randall, Thomas Randall, Evelyn Smith, Justin Stovall, Tracy

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ECCC HONORS

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The honor roll includes students on the President's List, Dean's List and those who received honorable mention recognition.

Named to the President's List from the Newton County area are: Kimberly Brackeen and Rebecca Massengale, both of Chunky; Christopher Weaver, Conehatta; Charles Addy, Emily Boggan, Natalie Boggan, Tanya Burroughs, Kasey Comans, James Garrison, Kayla Smith and William Wilson, all of Decatur; Joseph Acord, Hickory; Melissa Dukes, Melanie Robinson and Betty Wilkerson, all of Lawrence; Melody Dewitt, Margaret Mott, Julie White and Vicky White, all of Little Rock; Deloris Blaylock, Amanda Dean, Carla Jacome-Cluff, Richard Lancaster, Leah Lindsley, Kristen Mills, Tamara Muir, Nancy Pugh, Carolina Skinner, Vivian Taylor, Gloria Vargocko, Chris Weems, Angie Wesley and Yalonda Whitfield, all of Newton; and Jason Burroughs, Union.

Named to the Honor roll are students who attained a grade of 3.5 or above. Those students from Newton County are: Robert Cape, Marva Cavenaugh, Celesta Clark and Travis Todd, all of Chunky; Kristen Averett, Judd Eason, Celeste Fulkerson and Kristin Simmons, all of Conehatta; LeeAnn Barrett, Rhonda Bates, Amy Dellaria, Revonda Shunnett Wheaton and Audrey Windham, all of Newton; and Sandra Chappell, Kristin Cleveland, Robert Crosby, Jeannie Fitzhugh, Kristi French, James Johnson, Jessica Pullin, Angie Rash, Bettye Russell, Willard Stephens, William Terrell and Jessica Watts, all of Union.

Honorable Mention List, 3.0 grade point average or above, includes:

Kristy Haygood and Alex Savell, both of Chunky; Rhonda Bell, Hollie Boykin, Benjamin Brashier, Patty Chickaway, mark Engram, Emily Stephens, Jarrett Thomas, Atoyia Valentine and Johnny Moore, all of Conehatta; Kristopher Amis, Allison Bailey, Cristy Bowen, Derek Burton, Christopher Carson, Stacy Cotten, Jennifer Davidson, Steven Dellaria, Penny Hisaw, Jacqueline Hoye, Jason Johnston, Karri Kerske, Theresa Matlock, Blake McMullan, Kathy Moulds, Jason Pierce, Sonya Smith, Lea Ann Stevens, April Vaughn and Mae Walker, all of Decatur; Sonja Butler, Terri Fleming, Michael Johnson William Oliphant, Jennifer Robinson, Joseph Skinner, James Stampley, Kara Stampley, Tracey Taylor and Jonathan Thorne, all of Hickory; Delphine, Mayfield, Jessica Monk, Robert Savell and William Savell, all of Lake; Curtis Blackburn, Samuel Bounds and Mary Tingle, all of Lawrence; Dustin Burton, Sasya Champion, Jennifer Crabtree, Matt Dean, Timothy Foreman, Stacy Hogue, William Montgomery, Daniel Munn, Jennifer Sellers and Kelly Tucker, all of Little Rock; Cassandra Arrington, Catherine Arrington, Teri Baucum, Patricia Bolden, Edmond, Kelli Harris, Bobbie Hunter, Donnie Kelly, Deborah Lucroy, Lucas Majure, Ashley McDill, Brenda rose, Penny Russell, Bridgette Stamper, Rozelta Stokes, Charlotte Walker and Tina Williams, all of Decatur; Sarah Johnson, Janice Sadler and David Thorne, all of Hickory; Michael Johnson and Elizabeth Owens, both of Lake; Babalyn Bender, Lakisha Davis, Michelle Gaines and Patricia Wynn, all of Lawrence; Tiffany Bond, Ernest Brown, LaBreeska Chesney, Tammy Cutway, Justin Lanier, Rebecca McDill, Karla McMahan and Bridget Minor, all of Little Rock; Crystal Bonner, Portia Campbell, Antwon Chapman, Kelly Cluff, Melissa Cooksey, Jason Everett, Jennifer Guyse, Heather Hamilton, Lori Hollingsworth, Sincere Moncrief, Gwendolyn Payton, Amos Thames, Rebecca West, Brandi Chapman, Stephanie Evans, Alva Flowers, Robert Ford, Wesley Forest, Jessica Guyse, Keith Johnson, Joshua McCullough, Brandy Mills, Arletha Moncrief, Latricia Moore, Michael Morris, Christal Oliphant, Dorsie Sanders, Joel Skinner, Adrea Smith, Andrea Smith, Amanda Stamper, Amanda Walley, Shawn West and Allen Wilson, all of Newton; and Christopher Bankston, Josh Baysinger, Ashley Breland, Amy Burgin, Sarah Campbell, Candra Davis, Julie Fitzgibbons, Rebekah Franklin, Carmen Germany Belinda Gibson, Mary Gordon, Jessica Harrison, Sheila Hedrick, Robert Hodge, Amanda Kilpatrick, Darla Loftis, Melissa Madden, Leslie Mangrum, William Parks, Alisa Stewart, Heather Sumrall and William Wade, all of Union.

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ECCC Concert Choir

Pictured is the East Central Community Concert Choir prior to its annual Christmas Concert held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Members and their respective hometowns include (seated at piano) music keboard instructors and accfompanists Leesa Wilkinson and Tonya Kirk; (first row, from left) Stacey Woodard, Leslie Mangrum, Ashley Chase, Chalene Walker, Nikki Peden, Emily Germany, Melanie Atkinson, Ginny Rigby, Rena Perry, Ashley Byram, Jonathan Thorne, Frazier Wash, Andy Chambers, Ryan Louis, Michael Rucker, Michael Rodgers, and choral director Tony Kinton; (second row, from left) LaWanda Ealy, Kim Walls, Lesli Bonner, Ashley Deel, Marva Cavenaugh, Heather Warren, Mae Walker, Laura Aregood, Celesta Clark, Val Stribling, Adrin Gordon, Timothy Cager, Stephen Dye, William Savell, Mark Eakes, Jason Wallace, and Carl Wilson; (third ro from left) Shondra Moore; Cindy Simmons, Carthag Sarah Johnson, Holly Davidson, Julie White, Jessi Monk, Natalie Boggan, Rebekah Franklin, Kymber Patrick, Tara Yarbrough, April Clark; Brittany Ban Carthage; Ashley Lay, Lena; Michael Hodgins, Dav Thorne, Scott Popec, Nick Hall, Stephen Pace; and Br Harrell and Nick Barham, both of Carthage; (back ro from left) Kelli Harris, Emily Boggan, D'Mytris Watkin Stephanie Parrott, Lena; Kristy Haygood, Amanc Stamper; Rachel Fulton, Carthage; Shena Calhoun, Kar Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Joshua Woodall, Ryan Woodar Chris Carson, Dustin Burton, Joshua Sanders, Luc Majure, Tywan Stafford, Jamie White, Chad Anderso Levi Duncan, Jonathan Craig and Justin Sharp.

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ECCC Tennis

Tennis competition is off to a successful start for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors who are 2-0 on the young season, while the Warriors post a 1-1 mark.

The 2000 campaign began on Feb. 18 with the EC women blanking visiting Holmes 9-0 and the men winning by a 7-2 score.

Lady Warriors who registered wins in singles competition included Haley Chance, Courtney Cooper and Jessica Weeks, all of Forest; April Foley of Newton County; Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy; and Kristi French of Union.

Warriors who won their singles competition were Lee Dempsey of Louisville, Josh McNeill of Louisville, Wade Hutchison of Newton County, Tracy Goodin of Noxapater and Tim Cager of Union.

Doubles winners were (women) French and Cooper, Chance and Foley, Bridgette Stamper of Newton County and Brandy Burnett of Louisville, and (men) Dan Tingle of Philadelphia and Dempsey, and McNeill and Hutchinson.

The Lady Warriors defeated Pearl River 6-3 while the men fell 8-1 in competition held February 24 in Poplarville.

Singles winners were (women) Chance, Cooper and French, and (men) Dempsey.

Winners in the women's doubles competition were Chance and Foley, Weeks and Comans, and Cooper and French.

Season competition resumes March 13 when both squads travel to Hinds. Matches get underway at 1:30 on the Raymond campus.

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WEEK OF 3-20-00

East Cent. women's tennis rises to 4-0

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East Central, now 4-0, ousted the Lady Bears by a 6-3 margin on March 14, and registered a 7-2 victory over the Lady Eagles the previous day.

Lady Warriors who claimed victories in singles against Southwest included April Foley, Bridgett Stamper, Jessica Weeks, Courtney Cooper and Kasey Comans. Weeks and Comans also teamed for a doubles win.

The Warriors fell to Southwest 7-2 and dropped to 1-3 on the season. Tim Cager won in singles and in doubles with partner Josh McNeil.

Against Hinds, Foley, Weeks, Hayley Chance and Kristi French won in singles.

In doubles, Chance and Foley; Weeks and Comans; and Cooper and French collected wins.

The Warriors again dropped a 7-2 decision against Hinds.

Cager again won his singles match and teamed this time with Thomas Ford for a doubles win.

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WEEK OF 3-20-00

Lady Warriors are undefeated in tennis action

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Lady Warriors who claimed victories in singles competition against Southwest included April Foley and Bridgett Stamper, both of Newton County; Jessica Weeks and Courtney Cooper, both of Forest; and Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy. Weeks and Comans also teamed to win their doubles match.

In men's action, the Warriors (1-3) fell 7-2 to the host Bears. Tim Cager of Union won his singles match, and teamed with Josh McNiel of Louisville to capture a doubles victory.

Against Hinds, Lady Warriors who won in singles were Foley, Weeks, Haley Chance of Forest and Kristi French of Union. In doubles competition, winners were Chance and Foley, Weeks and Comans, and Cooper and French.

The Warriors again dropped a 7-2 decision against Hinds, with Cager the lone victors singles. Cager and Thomas Ford of Tuscaloosa. Ala. teamed to win their doubles match.

East Central hosts Hinds on March 20 and travels to Jones and Gulf Coast on March 23. The Warriors and Lady Warriors return to campus for a 1 p.m. matchup with Copiah-Lincoln on Monday, March 27, and travel to MUW on Tuesday, March 28 for competition with Itawamba.

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Week of 3-27-00

tennis teams announced for 2000

ECCC

Members of the East Central Community College women's tennis team for the 2000 season include (from left) Courtney Cooper of Forest, Kasey Comans of Decatur, Brandy Burnett of Louisville, April Foley of Newton, Bridgette Stamper of Decatur, and Jessica Weeks and Haley Chance, both of Forest. The Lady Warriors are coached by Jay Bowen.

Members of the East Central Community College men's tennis team for the 2000 season include (from left) Wade Hutchins of Decatur, Tim Cager of Union, Pete Deweese and Dan Tingle, both of Philadelphia, Tommy Ford of Tuscaloosa, AL; Josh McNeill of Louisville, Tracy Goodin of Noxapater and Lee Dempsey of Louisville.

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WEEK OF 3-27-00

ECCC Women's Tennis Team Defeats Hinds, Gulf Coast

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In the 7-2 win over Gulf Coast, East Central women who won in singles competition were Kasey Comans of Newton County Academy, Haley Chance of Forest, April Foley of Newton County and Brandy Burnett of Louisville. Winners in doubles were Chance and Foley, Comans and Jessica Weeks of Forest, and Burnett and Bridgett Stamper of Newton County. In men's action, the Warriors were defeated by a 9-0 margin.

Both squads also dropped decisions to the host Lady Bobcats and Bobcats, as the EC women fell 5-4 and the Warriors were outscored 9-0. Chance, Foley, and Burnett claimed victories in singles competition, and Chance and Foley teamed to win their doubles match.

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Week of 3/27/00

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WEEK OF 4-24-00

EC women end season

A third-place finish in the Region 23 and state tennis championships held recently in Tupelo capped one of the most successful campaigns in recent memory for the East Central Community College women's tennis team.

The Lady Warriors, led by Coach Jay Bowen, compiled 11 points in the three-day tournament and shared third-place honors with the Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats. Co-Lin won the tennis crown with 26 points, followed by runner-up Itawamba with 23 points.

Also participating were Pearl (9), Northeast (8), Hinds (7), Southwest (3), Gulf Coast (2), Holmes (0) and Northwest (0).

Two members of the ECCC squad, Haley Chance and April Foley, were among the top-seeded singles and doubles players in the annual event.

In the singles competition, Chance fell in second-round action to Pearl River's Nicole Shepard (2-6, 4-6); Foley defeated Meghan Mason of Gulf Coast (6-3, 6-2) in second-round action before falling to Pearl River's Pamela Miller (0-6, 6-2, 3-6) in the semi-finals.

Jessica Weeks fell to Courtney Shivers of Co-Lin (0-6, 5-7) in second-round action; Kasey Comans defeated Charlsie Whetson of Southwest (0-6, 6-0, 6-4) in first-round action and beat Melissa Rimes of Hinds (6-4, 6-2) in round two before falling in the semifinals to Amanda Turner of Co-Lin (2-6, 2-6) in a tough match.

Kristi French fell to Tammy Case of Co-Lin (0-6, 2-6) in second-round competition; and Brandy Burnett defeated Marie Singleton of Hinds (6-1, 6-3) before falling to Jennifer Garrett of Itawamba (6-1, 2-6, 0-6) in semi-finals.

In doubles action, Chance and Foley defeated Cutshall/Freeman of Northeast (6-7, 6-4, 6-4) before falling to Fagan/Bishop of Itawamba (0-6, 2-6)

In the semifinals' Weeks and Comans fell to Shepherd/Creely of Pearl River (2-6, 2-6) in second-round action.

Burnett and Bridgett Stamper defeated Flynt/Anderson of Pearl River(6-1, 6-2) prior to falling to Joy/Johnson of Co-Lin (2-6, 2-6) in semi-final action.

The Lady Warriors completed regular season competition by winning eight of 12 matches.

The Warrior tennis team will compete in the state tournament competition April 28-30 at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

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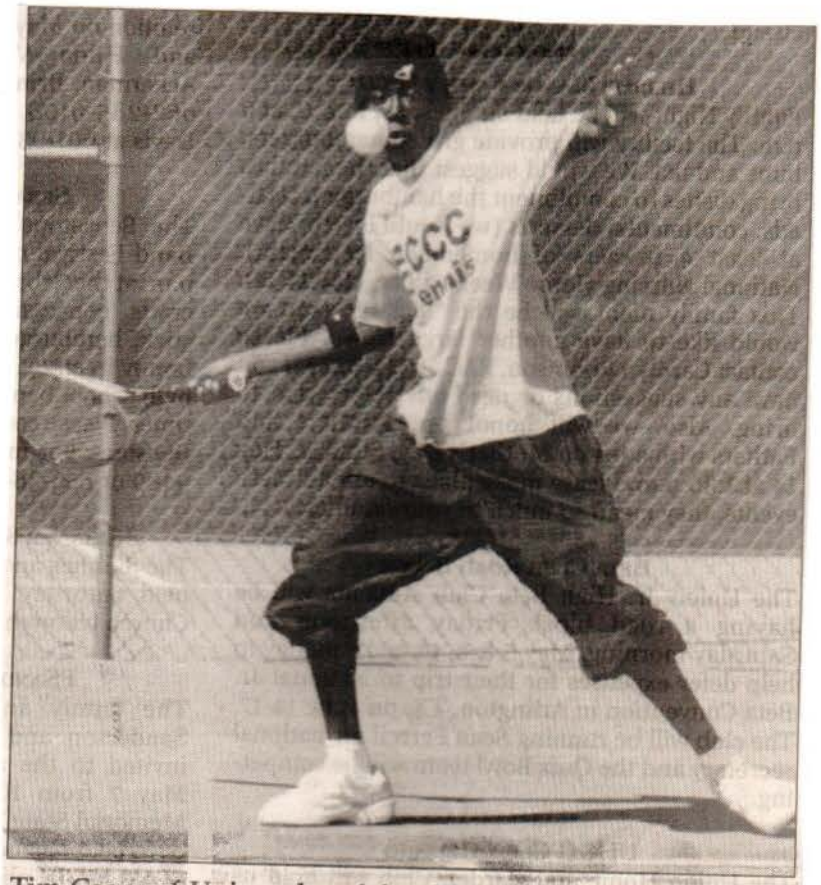
WEEK OF 5-1-00



Tim Cager of Union played for the East Central Community College Warriors in the Region 23 Tournament at Ellisville this past weekend.

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WEEK OF June 5, 2000

These members of the East Central Community College women's tennis team received various honors following the Lady Warriors' 2000 campaign. Award winners include Kristi French of Union, most improved and NJCAA Academic All-American; Brandy Burnett of Louisville, Lady Warrior Award; and April Foley of Newton County high School, most valuable player. Coach Mike Anderson presented the honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Cookout held at Turkey Creek Water Park. The Lady Warriors completed the season with an 8-4 mark and tied for third place in the state and region tournament.

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WEEK OF 6/12/00

These members of the East Central Community College men's tennis team received various honors following the 2000 season. Award winners include Lee Dempsey of Louisville, most valuable player; Dan Tingle of Philadelphia, Warrior Award; and Tim Cager of Union, most improved. Coach Jay Bowen presented the honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Cookout held at Turkey Creek Water Park.

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